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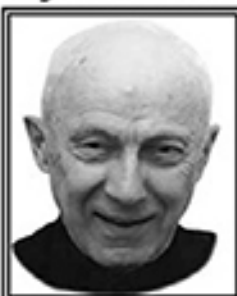
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Christ the Miracle Worker in the Eucharist

by Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., S.T.D.



During His visible stay on earth, Jesus performed countless miracles -- to the blind, the deaf and the paralyzed. Mother Nature obeyed Him, even the dead came to life. His crowning miracle is His resurrection. Today, He continues performing miracles in our favor because He is with us: *Behold, I am with you to the end of the world.*

Why the miracles? To make His humanly incomprehensible teachings believable. Gospel narratives give us two remarkable facts: (1) Jesus associated His teaching ... His works ... with signs and wonders to make God's revelation credible. Do not forget that statement: It is an article of the Catholic Faith; and (2) Christ worked these miracles as God, but always through His humanity, his nature as man, such as ... human words spoken ... the touch of His human hands ... or a tug on His garments.

However, in certain places, Jesus, in His divinity, could not perform miracles. Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. The two words -- humanity and faith -- are crucial to an understanding to the working of miracles.

What is this Real Presence? It is Jesus Christ -- true God and, with equal emphasis, true man. God the Son is the same Jesus who changed water into the best

wine at Cana, who invited Peter to walk on water. The Real Presence is Jesus with real flesh and blood, with the same hands, feet and open side that He told Thomas to touch and believe.

Once this fact dawns on a person -- it has not dawned on everyone who calls himself a Catholic -- that Christ performed His miracles as God but through His human nature as man, then the inevitable happens: That person's faith is rewarded by the experience of miracles.

I exaggerate not nor indulge in hyperbole. We all need miracles in our lives. Jesus promised that the miracles we would perform would be greater than those which His contemporaries witnessed during His stay in Palestine.

However, do not misunderstand: Christ, the Almighty Son of God, who became man, work miracles only in favor of those who believe ... that He is still on earth ... in the Holy Eucharist with the fullness of His humanity ... that His human nature is united with the second person of the Holy Trinity ... the Incarnate God. We believe that what looks like bread and tastes like wine is the Son of God who became the Son of Mary.

Faith, I repeat is the condition for Christ performing miracles. Our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is rewarded by miraculous phenomena. Believe!

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Meaning of Eucharist?



Recall the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-28). As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said: Take and eat; this is my body. And he took a cup, again he gave thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

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God pours out His love for us in the sacrament of the Eucharist -- Christ truly present for us, giving life and healing. The Church consistently holds fast to the belief in the Real Presence. Paragraph 1374 of the Catechism states: ... Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique ... above all the sacraments ... and the end to which all sacraments tend. In the ... Eucharist, the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus ... God and man, is truly, really, and substantially contained ... wholly and entirely present.

In many ways, Our Lord Jesus calls us to worship and receive Him in the Eucharist ... through the Pope, the Bible, the Church's Magisterium and his Blessed Mother ... the Saints, Martyrs and Eucharistic miracles ... through our souls who long for Jesus in communion and our suffering world in much need of prayer. Unfortunately, many of us disbelieve or have grown indifferent towards Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

King David: A Picture of Spiritual Health

by Brian G. Hedges, shared by Bro. Walter C. Caanan



herd of goats and sheep, he was an unfortunate parent and an unfaithful husband; a schemer and a murderer; a barbaric chieftain with talent for poetry.

Neither morality nor military prowess was his strength but every event in David's life was a confrontation with God. As shepherd and songwriter, king and giant-killer, saint and sinner, David was always conscious of the living God. Psalm 63 is the most poignant expression of David's God-thoughts, and we glean 4 measurements of spiritual health in the form of questions: 1. What do you long for? David

longed for God: *O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory (vv. 1-2).* His desire for God is a soul-thirst. Kneeling on the barren Judean desert, he reflected: My soul is parched that his flesh faints for God -- the words of a lover whose heart aches for his beloved and who yearns to be with her again.

2. What satisfies your soul? Consider vv 3-5: see page 2, col. 2

Why Eucharistic Adoration?

by Rev. Fr. Robert Goedert, O. P.

Eucharistic Adoration began in some form early in Church history but it was clearly and actively promoted beginning in the Middle Ages by a succession of popes, including Pope Urban IV who established the Feast of Corpus Christi in the 13th century and Pope Clement VIII who in 1592 instituted the 40 Hours Devotion. In 1965, Pope Paul VI issued a doctrinal analysis of the Eucharist in his encyclical *Mysterium Fidei*; in 2003, Blessed Pope John Paul II published *Ecclesia De Eucharistia*.

We propose that you consider pledging a certain number of hours of adoration. The key is to start small – say, one hour a week. Why? Because –

1. Jesus, in His sacramental body and blood, the Holy Eucharist, remains with us as our friend, just as He promised. To return His love for us, to draw spiritual strength and nourishment and encouragement from that love, let us visit our friend, Jesus. Real love requires sacrifice ... of prayer to and adoration of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

2. Some claim, though, that adoration of Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist is out of date in today's modern church. The Second Vatican Council strongly advised us that the sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist, the Mass, should be the principal expression of our faith, and that all other devotions should spring from the Mass and leads us back to the Mass. Eucharistic Adoration does exactly that.

3. Experience shows that private prayer and adoration of our Lord in the Eucharist *causes* more frequent and more intense participation in the Mass. Every year of his pontificate, Blessed Pope John Paul II wrote a pastoral letter demanding a stop to the abuses committed against the Blessed Sacrament with a plea for the adoration of Eucharistic Jesus.

Reinforcing his words with action, in 1991, Blessed Pope John Paul II began perpetual adoration of the Holy Eucharist at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

He also approved the canonical establishment of lay associations to propagate Eucharistic adoration in every Catholic parish throughout the world. He then thanked the parishes and the people who promote Eucharistic adoration.

This is the lay association that I work for. For the past 19 years, I have been visiting parishes all over the United States to promote Eucharistic Adoration.

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President's Message by Bro. Manuel I. Granados

Good News! After eight (8) years, we have canonically established the second regional council – the Regional Council of Southern Luzon – at St. Paul the First Hermit Cathedral, San Pablo, Laguna on 18 February 2012 under the patronage of, and with its seat, at San Antonio de Padua Parish, Pila, Laguna. The rites were officiated by The Most Rev. Leo M. Drona, SDB, DD, Bishop of the Diocese of San Pablo, Laguna and attended by the following National Council Officers: Manuel I. Granados, President; Pedro E. Bugay, First Vice-President; Carlos L. Landagan, Treasurer; Patrocinio E. Alcorcon, Organizer; Rodrigo B. Fermin, Asst. Organizer; Lazaro L. Katigbak, Promoter/Inspector; Rufino P. Trinidad Jr, Flag Bearer; and Past President of the Regional Council of Central Luzon, Hilario C. Salvador. After the Mass and Installation, catered lunch was served at the Cathedral Social Hall. The complete list of officers of the Regional Council of Southern Luzon for 2012-2015 follows: to wit

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King David: from page 1

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you ... My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips. David's desire for God matches his delight in God. Desire focuses on the intensity of hunger for God; delight describes the intensity of satisfaction in God. Notice David's pleasure language: Your steadfast love is better than life ... My soul will be satisfied ... my mouth will praise you – words of someone deeply satisfied with God. Our problem is that God cannot fully satisfy us, so we long for lesser pleasures. Are you ... is your soul ... satisfied in Him?

3. What do you think about in the still of the night? Verses 6-7: *I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.* Even at night, David's thoughts were consumed with God. A mind full of God indicates a fit spirituality. Like the blessed man of Psalm 1, our delight rests on God, meditating on His Word, day and night. Discover your spiritual strength; take stock of your thought-life. Are your thoughts centered on God, His glory, His grace, and His Word?

4. What are you clinging to? David, who was defamed by

liars, betrayed by friends and family, and running for his life, still clung to God – *My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth; they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals. But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped* (vv. 8-11). An addiction is born when we cling to something for relief when under pressure – a person, thing, or substance – what Ed Welch refers to as *worship disorders*. David found relief in God. Where do you find yours?

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THE FOCUSED HEART: Finding Meaning, Purpose and Happiness in Life

Are you happy? Do you clearly see the purpose of your life?

Scientists, who have seriously studied human happiness over a 30-year period, significantly learned that happy people have a meaningful, purposeful life – which is not clear to unhappy people. And, abundance of material goods, talents and opportunities do not make one happy if one has no clear purpose in life.

I am saddened by young people who waste so much energy, beauty, talent and opportunity because their lives do not have a clear meaning and purpose – even ending up destroying themselves and others. *Sabog ang buhay! Sayang!*

Every Eucharist we celebrate ... every vigil-night we offer up in adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist ... reminds us about who God is, who we are, and the purpose of our life. Thus, we obtain clarity of mind such that the following important points come into focus:

IDENTITY. In the Eucharist, we are in the presence of God who gave us life. We recognize that we are His creatures. God Who created us continues to re-create us that, in His image, we may be happy.

GOAL. In the Eucharist, we remember that we are not the purpose and center of our lives. The goal of our life is to know, love, adore, and serve God and to live with Him forever. Our response of love to God allows us to be truly happy and allows God's life to flow into us without limit.

MEANS. In the Eucharist, we recognize that the world and everything on it are God's gifts to us and have meaning and purpose. Gifts are given to us (persons, energy, beauty, talent, opportunity and material goods) so that we can know God more easily and to allow us to return His love more readily.

ATTITUDE. We must be free and unat-

tached to these gifts of God, and use these gifts in such a way that we become more and more persons in love. We detach ourselves from these gifts when they hinder us from drawing closer to God.

NORM. In the Eucharist, we are centered on God. We remember that we must not let any of these gifts become the center of our lives and displace God and so hinder our movement toward our eternal goal.

Without a clear understanding of who we are and the purpose of our life in this world, we will waste our lives and our gifts. When time and life has passed us by never to return, we find ourselves uttering the saddest word of all: *Sayang!*

But, with every Eucharistic celebration ... every Eucharistic adoration ... we grow in our understanding of the purpose of our life, and obtain happiness as God intended us to be. Let us keep in mind the pious words of St. Irenaeus: *The glory of God is man fully alive.*

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:

(1) Go back to a past experience when you realized that you are God's creation and that you have been charged with a significant mission and purpose in life but you have an absolute weakness hence have to be totally dependent on God – remembering a moment of grave illness, an accident, failure, etc. will help; and

(2) What does God want me to do for Him and for others in my life? When I die, what do I want to be said of me?

FOR DEEPENING AND TO FOSTER A FOCUSED HEART, PRAY ON THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES BELOW:

Psalm 8 – O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens....

Isaiah 45:7-13 – God creates me more surely than a potter creates a pot. He makes my shape and even my clay. He determines how I will be used.

Job 1:21; chapters 38, 39, and 40:1-5. – The reality of who I am and who God is.

Mark 10:17-23 – Like the rich young man, because of my attachments, I can refuse Jesus' invitation to make Him the center of my life.



Tarcisians' The Next Generation

by Rev. Fr. Socrates C. Montealto, SSP

I write to you about the Annual Tarcisian Recollection for 2012 which was held on 17 March 2012 at the Diocesan Shrine and Parish of Nuestra Señora de Aranzazu, San Mateo, Rizal. And, I thank God for Rev. Msgr. Generoso A. Mediarito for allowing us the use of the Parish Church as venue of the Recollection.

Also, I thank God for the officers and members of Tarcisian Turno 177 of the Diocesan Shrine and Parish of Nuestra Señora de Aranzazu for hosting the Recollection. Sincere gratitude for their presence is in order for Bro. Michael Mikoy A. Abeleda who facilitated the simple and meaningful recollection; the National Tarcisian Council Officers, the Tarcisian Guardians and Bro. Jose S. Tacorda for overseeing the implementation of the Recollection.

And, you guessed right, I presided over the Eucharistic celebration for this group young men and women and their officers and elder supporters who are so much in love with our Lord Jesus that they continue to serve and bring more youth closer and closer to Jesus in the Eucharist.

I wish to congratulate the nine Tarcisian Turnos that attended the Recollection and to remind you of two (2) important faith-values:

First, in my homily, I challenged you to continue to walk the path of prayer and love this Lenten Season with the approach of the Holy Week in the coming weeks. In

our *Visita Iglesia*, let us keep in mind the torments our Lord Jesus and our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary patiently suffered for our sake. Let us attend our Vigil to the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday. Come and celebrate the Love of Christ on Good Friday by venerating and kissing the Cross of Christ – the Cross of Love.

Second, in the recollection proper, Bro. Mikoy introduced to the Tarcisian Adorers the power of silence -- letting them lay on their backs with eyes closed, experiencing the presence of God in silence. The young Tarcisian Adorers, who are usually restless, were at first uncomfortable with the activity of silence. But, little by little, the 150 Tarcisians came to lay in silence. They did found the presence of God in silence.

The Lord be Adored! Forever! Mabuhay muli ang Panginoon Hesuskristo! HAPPY EASTER in advance to all Tarcisian Adorers & to all ANF Adorers.

Editor's Note: The National Tarcisian Organizer, Bro. Leonardo B. Dayap Jr, reports the canonical establishment of the following Tarcisian Turnos – (a) 269 at San Andres Apostol Parish Greenwood Executive Village, Cainta, Rizal on 30 November 2011; (b) 270 at San Jose de Ampid Parish, Ampid, San Mateo, Rizal on 28 January 2012; (c) 271, Holy Family Parish, Parang, Marikina on 10 December 2011; and (d) 273 at the Diocesan Shrine of the Our Lady of the Abandoned Parish, Sta. Elena, Marikina on 08 December 2011.

**“Itsismis natin si Maria at Hesu-Kristo,
huwag ang ating Kapwa tao”**

For one reason or other, our National Photo-Artist was unable to beat the deadline for captioned-photographs of the National Council's Eucharistic Journey for the previous period. Our apologies. - Bro. Duffy

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Tarcisian Adorers in the power of silence -- laid on their backs with eyes closed, experiencing the presence of God in silence.



Obedience: Father, Your will be Done, Not Mine.

Shared by Bro. Edmundo P. Monroy,
Assistant National Secretary

Whenever I am invited to serve in any Church-based organization, my standard reply was: *Saka na, next time*. Then, I was Jefe de Turno 1665, Maria Ina Ng Kapayapaan Parish at Montalban, Rizal. That was until September 2007.

My sister-wife asked me for the 3rd time to join the Parish *Cursillo*¹ Class of 73. Surprisingly, this time I replied *YES!* unhesitatingly. On the eve of that Class, alone in our room, I was granted the gift of recall of everything that God had blessed me with since childhood and I whispered softly: *Lord, this is it, I am surrendering myself to you.*

At a prayer period inside the *Cursillo* house, intermittent loud cries of forgiveness could be heard. I was crouched down on my knees reaching for the tabernacle. I too felt something heavy on my shoulder and I heard myself shouting aloud: *Yes, Lord, gagawin ko, gagawin ko, basta't nandiyan ka lang, hindi ko kaya kung wala ka, gagawin ko!*

That *Yes!* made a big change in my life. Soon after, our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Demetrio R. Suriben Jr. appointed me Parish Pastoral Council President of Maria Ina ng Kapayapaan Parish, a service I cherish to date – sharing my time, talents and treasure with the Church and its ministries.

I am fascinated by Mary's *YES!* because her obedience recreated the face of the earth and her life was never again the same.² In her mind, she certainly had a lot of questions about her future but all these she pondered on in her heart – in her soul. She was uncertain about what her *YES!* meant so she took each moment at a time. Her humanity cooperated and collaborated with the Divine Plan for our salvation: An ordinary person sent to earth to do a simple task extraordinarily.

I empathize with Mary because I am also such an ordinary person. And, I am thankful to God for allowing me to help Him in executing His plan of salvation for humankind. May God shine His face on me and forgive me during the many times when my obedience turns into disobedience and my *Yes!* turns into reluctance and then into a *No*.

¹ *Cursillos in Christianity* (in Spanish: *Cursillos de Cristiandad*, short course of Christianity) is a ministry of the Roman Catholic Church.

² "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her." Luke 1: 38



Bro. Abelardo C. Saylo*

I was born in San Nicolas, Bamban, Tarlac on March 24, 1937, the sixth child of ten of Alfredo Saylo and Irinea dela Cruz. My father was a farmer, a devout, prayerful Catholic. My mother sold vegetables in the market daily to help with expenses and our education.

I finished grade school, Sto. Niño Academy, where I served as Knight of the Blessed Sacrament; high school at St. Anthony's Institute at Mababacat. I graduated at Manuel L. Quezon University with a degree in B.S. Journalism.

I am married to Lourdes G. Reyes, a devout Catholic, who was President of both the Parish Pastoral Council and Apostleship of Prayer of Sta. Rita de Cascia Parish. She was cited for her services in Parish and granted the *Archbishop Award in the Field of Liturgy*. As husband and wife, we attend Mass at 5:30AM in our parish.

God gave us a son, Jesus Jose Francisco Joey, an adorer, Eucharistic Minister and P.R.O. of the Parish Pastoral Council; and a daughter, Sis. Maria Rita Teresita Tita, President of Commentators-Lectors' Guild.

On October 26, 1968, I was inducted *Adorer* under Turno 85 and, later, as Exec. Vice-President of the Archdiocesan Council, by Metropolitan

An Adorer's Profile

Archbishop of San Fernando, the Most Rev. Paciano B. Aniceto, D.D.

I relished all my assignment with energy, recruit-

ing new adorers, honorarias and drawing closer to my mentor-director, the Very Rev. Msgr. Jose dela Cruz.

Today, I work hard to accomplish the instructions of our Archdiocesan Apostolate Director (the Archbishop) and our Co-Director (Very Rev. Msgr. Eugenio S. Mercado Jr.) to propagate and increase the devotion to Christ the King in the Most Blessed Sacrament and to raise funds for Mother of Good Counsel Seminary.

For 2012, the Archdiocese of San Fernando, Pampanga celebrates the Diamond Anniversary (60 years) of the Solemnity of Christ the King with the theme *Mission for Peace and Love for Life* marked by the commencement of the historical visit of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the image of Christ the King to all the 94 Parishes, and the conduct of daily vigils to the Holy Eucharist by the host parish – based on the three ministries of Christ as Prophet, Priest, and King, and the National Council's PROLIFE apostolate: Priestly Vocation Support; Recruitment of Aspirant Adorers; Outreach program; Livelihood Augmentation; Involvement in Parish; Formation; and Evangelization. *The Lord Be Adored – Forever!*

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Prayer Request

Bro. Alfredo R. Fagela, Past President-Diocesan Council of Iba, requests our prayers and his inclusion in our Vigil intentions for his recovery in body, mind and spirit. He underwent a surgical procedure, laparoscopy, for the removal of his function-impaired gall bladder due to cholelithiasis, or gall bladder stones.

Perhaps, seeing the infinite beauty of God, angels are not seduced, as we are, into making gods out of lesser beings ... things ... and desires; and see foolishness in choosing anything less than God. Hence, in freely choosing to serve as agents of divine purpose, angels are living expressions of the perfect prayer: *Thy will be done, not mine!*

The most important message such a divine messenger had carried to a human being was that of the Archangel Gabriel to a Jewish girl named Mary, announcing the coming of Jesus, the Christ. This annunciation scene between Gabriel (God's messenger) and Mary (herself becoming an angel as carrier of the Father's messenger, Jesus – the message proclaimed by the apostles and the Christians who would come after them) is preserved by St. Luke the Evangelist in 1:28-38. Mary enunciates, in turn, her own version of the perfect prayer: *Be it done to me according to your word!*

So, what is an angel? The word for *angel* in Latin *angelus* and Greek *angelos* are similar; likewise in Hebrew and Arabic, *malakh*. Similarities aside, angels are known to be messengers of God, bringing warnings ... comfort ... news ... cheer. They guard ... help and heal ... save our lives or carry us away to blessed death. But, they always point to Someone greater ... much, much greater than themselves. See page 6, column 1



Angels, Archangels and Guardian Angels

Imagine seeing God's face – His majesty and awesome power, His infinite beauty and love, and His holiness. Today, at this very moment, if we were to look God in the eye with our sins and frailties, we would be utterly destroyed. Yet, Jesus says that angels enjoy face-to-face encounters with God.

Tips for Missionary-Adorers

Discipleship: Deny yourself - Put Jesus in the center of your life, in whatever you say and do, and do not do. Take up your cross - Accept suffering and sacrifice for Jesus' sake when you work in the Lord's ANF vineyard, and forgive as He does. Follow Me - Offer to Him your total obedience and service, living His life, treading His footsteps and accepting His mission as your mission.

Obedience: Real love manifests itself in obedience - to do what God wants you to do for Him.

Service: Treat people with kindness and compassion; treat them like kings. King Abdullah of Jordan disguises himself as he walks and talks with ordinary people to check on how his civil servants treat his people.

True Wisdom: We think we are wise and understand everything. True wisdom manifests itself in humble, loving and obedient behavior. The truly wise unites and seeks justice and peace; false wisdom separates and divides.

Wicked Ambitions: Attachment to our worldly possessions, ambition and aspirations, fame and fortune, reputation and authority is adultery. God wants us to love His creation as a means of conforming to His will and to reject what does not serve this purpose.

Prayer: Healing the boy possessed of a mute spirit and whose father expresses faith in Him, Jesus points out the value of prayer - open our hearts and minds to God, attuning our will to God's will, conforming our ways to God's ways, and directing our spirit to God even while working, with our minds focused on the task at hand and doing daily chores.

Angels, ... from page 5

In this sense, angels are understood to be an emanation of God ... His emissaries ... His extensions. St. Augustine in *De Civitate Dei* (The City of God) Book XI, Chapter 9 writes: Angels were created in the eternal light - the very same immutable Wisdom of God, through which they were created - the only begotten Son of God Angels refer to not to their nature (which is not always good) but to the function of messenger, suggesting that angels are beings who proceed from God and to Him return.

Quoting from the Koran, surat [2:177] - ... righteousness is in one who believes in Allah, the Last Day, the angels, the Book, the messengers and gives wealth, in spite of love for it, to relatives, orphans, the needy. (To be continued in April 2012)



What Do People Say About Eucharistic Adoration?

Pope Benedict XVI: I thank the Lord that many parishes, alongside the devout celebration of Mass, are educating the faithful in Eucharistic adoration. And it is my hope that this practice will become ever more widespread.

St. Augustine: Christ held Himself in His hands when He gave His Body to His disciples saying: This is My Body. No one partakes of this Flesh before he has adored it. The Flesh of Jesus is the flesh of Mary.

St. Maximilian Kolbe: God is in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. He is with us until the end of the world. He dwells on so many altars, though so often offended and profaned.

Blessed Pope John Paul II: Through Jesus' institution of the Eucharist, we enter the end times anticipating Christ's second coming to complete His work of redemption. Today, we do not merely speak of the completion of this work. The Eucharist is a celebration of the fulfillment of this work of redemption - It is finished!

Rev. Fr. John A. Hardon, SJ: We should never again use the expression *When Jesus was on earth* or think of Him as being only in heaven, because Jesus is on earth. While all sacraments confer grace, the Eucharist is the author of grace Himself, Jesus.

Pope Paul VI: Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of each of our parishes.

Rev. Fr. Stefano Manelli, OFM Conventual, in Jesus, Our Eucharistic Love: Our

Lady is inseparably united with Jesus in the Host. Jesus is always the Son she adores. He is Flesh of her flesh and Blood of her blood.

Anniversaries:



March 27, 1979: Episcopal Ordination - Most Rev. Paciano B. Aniceto, DD, Archbishop of San Fernando, Pampanga celebrated his 75th

birthday on March 9. He celebrates his 50th Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary on December 23.

Apu Ceto is the Apostolate Director of the ANF Archdiocesan Council of San Fernando.



27 March 2006: Episcopal Ordination - The Most Rev. Roberto C. Mallari, DD, Auxiliary Bishop of San Fernando, Pampanga. Bishop

Bobet celebrates his 54th birthday on the same day, March 27.



12 March 1983: Sacerdotal Ordination - The Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio S. David, DD, Auxiliary Bishop of San Fernando, Pampanga. Bishop

Ambo celebrates his 53rd birthday on March 2. He was ordained Bishop on 10 July 2006.



March 27, 1987: Sacerdotal Ordination - Rev. Fr. Manuel M. Flores, SJ, ANF National Director. He undertook an 8-day Silent Retreat in Baguio for his 25th Anniversary. The

Retreat ended March 13th.

Fr. Manny is also a Certified Public Accountant. His family resides in Angeles City.



March 30, 1945: Birthday, Eric Patrick Clapton, British guitarist and songwriter. In moments of clarity, God afforded Clapton glimpses of the squalor of his life. At age 23, he wrote and sang of ... having finally found a place to live, *In the Presence of the Lord* (the song title) and 20 years later ... when I fade away, *Holy Mother*, then I'll be lying in, safe in your arms [Source: Clapton: The Autobiography; NY, 2007]

For the month of April 2012: Ordination Anniversary: Bishops Ruperto C. Santos of Balanga; Gabriel V. Reyes of Antipolo; Jose A. Cabantan of Malaybalay; Mylo Humberto C. Vergara of Pasig.

Note: On the occasion of their ordination anniversary, offer up a Eucharistic Vigil for your Arch/Bishops, Director/Co-Directors and Chaplains and Parish Priests, and Masses for your -

75th Founding Anniversary: Turno 107 SFdo and 108 Cebu.

50th Founding Anniversary: Turno 813 Dipolog and Section 26 Kalookan.

28th Founding Anniversary: ADC of Nueva Segovia (Vigan).

27th Founding Anniversary: ADC of Lingayen-Dagupan.

25th Founding Anniversary: Turno 1370 Basak-Cebu and Tarcisian Turno 184 and Section 88 Hermosa.

Challenge: The apostles could not exorcise the mute evil spirit from a boy; they were not aware of their lack of faith. As missionary-Adorers and great believers of Christ, have you have moved someone to adore Jesus in the Holy Eucharist?

Meditation: At Apu Ceto's birthday celebration, we were seated at the table with the ADC-Director of San Fernando, Rev. Msgr. Eugenio S. Mercado Jr. and two ladies of the Holy Name Society who conduct Eucharistic vigils once a week.

Matthew 20:28

28 Sapagkat maging ang Anak ng Tao ay naparito, hindi upang paglingkuran, kundi upang maglingkod at ialay ang kanyang buhay sa ikatutubos ng marami."

"If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." (John 10:37-38)

