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BEFRIENDING THE COMMUNITY WITHIN - Date: 5 - 7 Aug '16. Time: Fri, 8:00 pm - Sun, 1:00 pm. Venue: Choice Retreat House - 47 Jurong West St. 42. S-649368
Description: This seminar uses the principles of psychosynthesis Robert Assagioli's approach to psychological and spiritual growth; to move toward wholeness through a synthesis of the separate parts of ourselves. Self realization is a spiritual goal, and personal integration must move us toward social integration in ever-widening groups. Contribution: \$200.00. By: Sr Francisca Tan and Ms. Gerry Szeto. Contact: Tel. Nos. 6565-2895; 9722-3148 Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

CLARITY'S 3 session introductory workshops to understand self worth, its importance, ways of loving ourselves and how to change by building the new. Saturdays (3, 17 and 24 Sept 2016). \$10 per person limited to 20 participants. To register : Call 6757 7990 or email to : registration@clarity-singapore.org

CHARIS-ACTS29 MISSION TRIP (26 Aug – 1 Sept, 2016) –Join us in building bio-sand water filtration systems with the local

community in Romblon, Philippines. Slots for 9 participants only. \$670 per pax. Closing date to register: 20 July 2016. T&C apply. For more information, contact Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives Singapore (CHARIS), Victoria at victoria@charis-singapore.org or Tel: 6337-4119 or www.charis-singapore.org

Come find out at our **DIOCESAN VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT**. We'll guide you and help you discern. Theme: OPEN WIDE THE DOORS TO CHRIST Date: 19-21 Aug '16 Venue: Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat House 46 Kovan Road Eligibility: Single male, aged 21-35 years old Registration: Parish office OR email: seminariansonline@gmail.com OR diocesanvocations@catholic.org.sg Closing date is 12 Aug '16

WEEKEND RECOLLECTION for Young Adults @ Blue Mountain Kelong Theme: Walking on Water- Trust. Date: 10 - 12 Sep '16 (Sat 8.00am to Mon 6.00pm) Venue: Blue Mountain Kelong (Batam) Cost: \$300 (inclusive of meals, transport and lodging) Age: 20 to 40 years old Registration Link: QYNr9QAodk For more information, contact: Verbum Dei Missionaries Tel: 62740251 Email: verbumdeispore@yahoo.com.sg Website: http://verbumdeisingapore.org/

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.40pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
Weekday Masses	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
Interspersory Prayer	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
Infant Jesus Devotion	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotion	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
Hour of Mercy	: 3.00pm daily
Counselling @ SPP	: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Monday, call church secretariat 6337 2585 for appointment)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm-5.20pm on weekdays in Rm 1. On weekends, it will be available at the makeshift confessional at the baptistery (back of Church) 30 mins before each weekend mass.

Parish Priest: Rev Fr JOHN CHUA OCD (email: hkchuajohn@yahoo.com), Asst Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, Priests in Residence: Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD, Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD and Fr JEFFREY TAN, OCD, General-Delegate: Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, Parish Secretary: Ms Martha Loh, Parish Clerk: Ms Jannie Lui, Liturgical Co-ordinator: Alex Wong, alexdominic@gmail.com

Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:
(i) Church Of Sts Peter & Paul - for contributions /donations for on-going maintenance of our Church or parish projects and Mass offerings; (ii) Church Of SPP Building Fund - for contributions/donations to our Church building fund; (iii) Carmelite Fathers for contributions/donations to the Carmelite Friars (SPP), OCD Missions, Frairs Formation. (iv) Soc of St Vincent de Paul (Conf St Peter) - for donations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul for the poor and needy.

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READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 961

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 25 July - SAT 30 July 2016

MON: 2 COR 4:7-15, MT 20:20-28 **TUE:** JER 14:17-22, MT 13:36-43 **WED:** JER 15:10, 16-21, MT 13:44-46 **THU:** JER 18:1-6, MT 13:47-53 **FRI:** JER 26:1-9, JN 11:19-27 **SAT:** JER 26:11-16, 24, JER 26:11-16, 24

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL – 16 JULY (PART 2 OF 2)

II. NATURE AND CHARACTER

In the Trinity with Christ

Mary, the blessed among women, is the masterpiece of the Most Blessed Trinity who united her to Itself, bringing the feminine to its greatest possible realization in her, like an icon of the Trinity's tenderness, and Its saving will.¹² Mary is the Lady in whom "all is related to Christ and all depends on him; foreshadowing the Son, God the Father, from all eternity, chose her to be the all holy Mother and adorned her with gifts of the Spirit, granted to no one else."¹³ Our Lady is for the whole Church the model of that "praise of the glory of the Most Blessed Trinity" to which we are all called to be.

The scapular is a symbol of filial and grateful recognition of the mission that the Most Blessed Trinity willed to confide to Mary in the history of salvation, "mystery of mercy" (1 Tim 3:6). These truly significant words were placed on the lips of Mary: "I bring you a scapular as a sign of my blessing and my love and, at the same time, as a sign of the mystery, which will be accomplished, in you. I come to fully 'clothe you in Jesus Christ' (Gal 3:27) so that you may be 'rooted in him' (Col 2:7), 'the royal way', in the depths of the abyss, with the Father and the Spirit of love."¹⁴

Ecclesial Journey-Pilgrimage

Through space and time, and especially through the history of human kind, Mary is present as "she who has believed" (cf. Lk 1:45), as she who goes

forward on the pilgrimage of faith, partaking in the mystery of Christ above all other creatures.¹⁵

The Church on her faith pilgrimage finds its best model in Our Lady. The example of the Blessed Virgin leads the faithful to conform themselves to the Son. But it also leads them to celebrate the mysteries of Christ with the profound attitude that the Virgin had when she was by her Son at his birth and at the Epiphany, at his death and resurrection. That is, it urges them to guard zealously the Word of God to meditate on it lovingly; to praise God with exultation and to thank him joyfully; to serve God and neighbor faithfully and to offer generously for them even life itself, to pray to the Lord perseveringly and to implore confidently; to be merciful and humble; to "wait vigilantly for the coming of the Lord."¹⁶

Carmel has followed this way, suggesting to its members to become like Mary in order that, following her example, they may dwell in the divine intimacy. The three phases of this ascent of Mount Carmel are: imitation, union, and likeness to Mary.¹⁷

III. COMMITMENT TO A WAY OF LIFE

The following of Christ and of Mary, as understood and lived in the charism of the Order, becomes the reality after which the faithful in the Carmelite family strive. They can rely on the help and support of all the brothers and sisters who share in the same ideal. The members of the Carmelite family live their commitment in various ways: in the "desert", in fraternal life, in the apostolic life, on the streets of the world, working with Mary for the Kingdom of Christ.

The institutional forms, erected and acknowledge by the Order, help to emphasize the communal character of the family of those who, led by the Spirit, want to dedicate their whole life in this world - in union with Mary - to the glory of God.

Thus, becoming part of the fraternity of the Order of the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel and receiving the scapular as a sign of such membership, is for the faithful an instrument of Christian life with special characteristics:

To live as “brothers” or “sisters” of Mary in communion with Carmel, to enter more deeply into its spirit, to live its ideals and its history, praying and cooperating with it in order that, faithful to its charism and their vocation, they may reflect, in the world, Mary who brings Jesus to all.

b) To give to Mary ever more space in their life, seeking to live in their circumstances their fidelity to Christ in the spirit of Mary: in the faith that gazes at and prays to God, welcomes and dialogues with him; in the hope that transforms itself into being at the service of All, which is God; and in the charity that abandons itself to the will of the Lord in order to be a true gift to the brothers and sisters, especially the smallest and most humble.

c) To imitate the “praying Virgin” who “kept the word of God in her heart” (cf. Lk 2:19,51), setting aside some time to meet God in prayer, meditating on the mysteries of salvation, taking part in faith in the liturgy of the Church, especially the Eucharist, reciting every day some liturgical hour or some psalms or the holy rosary. To see to it that living in the presence of the living God, every aspect of life becomes prayer and that prayer becomes life, at the same time remembering the obligations and work of their state of life.

d) To share in the Paschal Mystery of Christ by means of voluntary penances, lived in the spirit of Carmel, looking at Mary, whose soul was pierced by a sword (cf. Lk 2:35), who “sustained her union with her Son faithfully even to the cross, where she stood (cf. Jn 19:25) suffering deeply with her Firstborn and uniting herself to his sacrifice.”¹⁸

e) To show the love of God. The “Most Pure Virgin” allows the love of God to shine through all her being without any resistance or opacity, a love which clothes her personally and opens her to the whole of humanity. Thus, she charms and attracts the devout, who keep their heart and senses, their body and soul, open to the

love of God, whom they seek and desire in all things and above all things. The faithful open themselves to receive all the gifts of holiness that God himself places in human relationships and in the love of neighbor. Thus love involves the human body as the “dwelling place” of God (cf. 1 Col 3:16-17), and through which they communicate with others. It is the vehicle for the expression of love.

f) To engage in the works of evangelization. Those who wear the scapular identify themselves with the mission of Carmel to be in the world a prophetic sign of union with God, to work for the coming of the Kingdom of God through visible signs of sharing, reconciliation, justice, looking after the sick, and listening to the cries of the poor.

g) As much as possible, to foster fraternal communion among the members of the fraternity by means of assemblies and reunions, which nourish and support these aims.

17. The scapular is the sign of the love of Mary, icon of the goodness and mercy of the Most Blessed Trinity. This love is the fruit of the grace of God poured into the hearts of the faithful who, in turn, commit themselves to it.

Notes

12. A. Bostius, *De Patronatu...*, n.1542; cf. n. 1574.

13. *Marialis Cultus*, 51

14. *Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity, letter to Mother Germana, September 24, 1906.*

15. *Cf Lumen Gentium*, 65; *Redemptoris Mater*, 25.

16. *Introduction to the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

17. *Cf Blessed Titus Brandsma, Historical notes on Carmelite mysticism: The Beauty of Carmel. The tertiary Maria Petijt reached the heights of mystical experience with Mary.* 18. *Lumen Gentium*, 58.

19. *Cannon 312, par. 2.*

20. *Ibid.*

21. *Confession, communion, prayers according to the intentions of the Pope, and a renewal of the promise to keep the pledges of the Confraternity.*

22. *Decrees of the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary 144/68/R of June 25, 1968, and 11533/68/R of Sept. 17, 1968.*

(The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Catechesis and Ritual, Prepared under the direction of the North American Provincials of the Carmelite Orders, 2000, 10-13)

PARISH NEWS

SPP CATECHIST RECRUITMENT We are in dire need of 6 Primary and 5 Secondary Catechists to assist with the faith formation and development for the children and teenagers of SPP. Anyone who wishes to help out these children, please call/SMS Moses at 9009 2226 for more information.

[SPP YEAR OF MERCY SERIES] TALK: WORKS OF MERCY What are the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy? Why do we perform these works and how? Date: 23 Jul '16 (Sat) Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm Venue: Level 3 Chapel. Speaker: Fr. Edward Lim, OCD. For registration, please email SPP happenings@gmail.com or register with the Church Office. Attendance by registration only.

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL BUILDING FUND – An estimate of 30% of items in the church conservation project is deemed strictly as “conservation works” and we have already raised \$2,986,565/- from the account “PMF - Church of Sts Peter and Paul”. The figure above is sufficient to cover 30% of items being conserved; raising more than 30% through this account (PMF- Church of Sts Peter & Paul) means that the balance will have to remain in this account until another conservation project has been initiated. Further, the funds raised through the above account cannot be used for maintenance other than conservation works. As such, we have ceased to accept tax exemption donations for the restoration of our church. However, we hope that you will continue to donate generously to our Building Fund for many other maintenance works. From now onwards, crossed cheques should be made payable to: Church of SPP Building Fund. Donor may provide his/her name, address and contact phone no. Thank you for your generous donations and support.

RCIA 2016/2017 – Starting on 5 Jul '16, every Tue at 7.30pm. This is a year's journey for those seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. It prepares newcomers to encounter Jesus and his Church, and discern towards receiving the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist). Sessions are led by priest or religious and will be held in the Chapel (3rd level, Parish Building). Please invite your non-Catholic friends, colleagues and spouse to attend and learn more about the

faith. Baptised Catholics are also invited to journey as sponsors. Registration forms are available from the Parish office; or contact our coordinator, Jonathan Chan at 9685 7290 or email 2kumleong@gmail.com for more information.

DAILY PRAYER - Our SPP Church prays the Lauds led by the Carmelite Friars every weekday at 7.00am before the 7.20am Mass.

3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS JOHOR/MALACCA PILGRIMAGE - We are organising a three days pilgrimage to Johor and Malacca from Sat/Mon 10 - 12 Sep '16. This is a project in aid of Church of Sts Peter & Paul Maintenance Fund. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at the Secretariat Office. Registration closes on 8 Aug '16.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

CARITAS SINGAPORE SOCIAL MISSION CONFERENCE 2016 is less than a month away! Sat 13 Aug 16 @ Performing Arts Centre, Catholic Junior College. Theme: Witness to Mercy, Bearer of Compassion. Interested to understand the real issues and challenges of the poor in Singapore? Want to discover the opportunities available for lay Catholics to play a part to help? . Be inspired by and meet leaders working in this space; including keynote speaker, Cardinal Luis Tagle, President of Caritas Internationalis.. You are invited to register for this exciting biennial conference organized by Caritas Singapore. Find out more and register at <http://www.caritas-singapore.org>

THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY Synopsis: Considered as one of the greatest legacies of St John Paul II, this catechesis has been used by Pope Francis as one of his sources in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*. Authentic human love and sexuality are necessary for a proper understanding of life and marriage, and in fact, the whole of scripture and the mission of Jesus. Date: 20 Jul '16. Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm. Venue: St Joseph's Church Victoria Street- Conference Room (inside canteen). To register, contact Nick @ 97843682 or email theology.sg@gmail.com. Speaker: Andrew Kong, JCL Speaker's profile: Andrew has a licentiate in Canon law and is defender of the bond in the Archdiocesan Marriage tribunal. He has presented the teaching of John Paul II's