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Editor Says


Pope Francis surprised participants at a TED 2017 conference at Vancouver, via videolink from the Vatican. He told the audience, "Tenderness is not weakness; it is fortitude. It is the path of solidarity, the path of humility. Please, allow me to say it loud and clear: the more powerful you are, the more your actions will have an impact on people, the more responsible you are to act humbly. If you don't, your power will ruin you, and you will ruin the other. There is a saying in Argentina: "Power is like drinking gin on an empty stomach." You feel dizzy, you get drunk, you lose your balance, and you will end up hurting yourself and those around you, if you don't connect your power with humility and tenderness. Through humility and concrete love, on the other hand, power – the highest, the strongest one – becomes a service, a force for good."

I reflected upon my own journey as a Verbum Dei Missionary and I do agree wholeheartedly with Pope Francis. God has placed concrete people in the apostolate to accompany and guide them to encounter His loving presence. Not only with the people in the mission field, God has also given me the gift of my community of sisters to be with. In community life, tenderness is essential because I am called to be at their service for their own good. Everyday, I have the duty to connect my power with humility and tenderness.

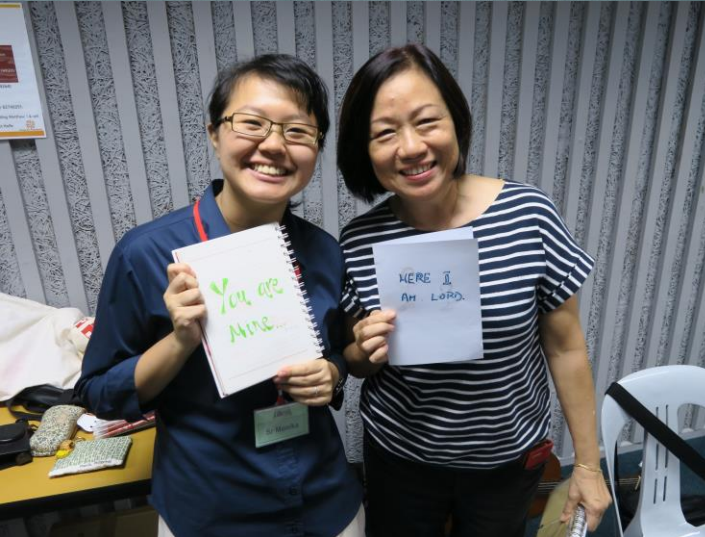


In this world, tenderness is regarded as a foolish weakness. However, Jesus, our Master who called us to walk after Him, is a revolutionist of tenderness. He uses the eyes of His heart to look at the realities and needs of those around Him. He is never indifferent but constantly there to guide His disciples to real growth and freedom. He, as the tender Shepherd, does not leave His sheep on their own to find their way home, but journeys with them following their pace.

All of us have some kind of authority- as parents, friends, employers, mentors, superiors, etc. Let us not forget that tenderness is a fortitude that leads us to walk the path of humility and solidarity. In this way, we can then form people to love after the heart of Jesus.



Archdiocesan Biblical Apostolate
organised a day of prayer and
workshop for BAT coordinators
*“Role of The
Biblical Apostolate Team”*



1st April

Seeds of the Living Word

ON MISSION

*"Spreading love
in little doses"
@ Bishan Park*



2nd April

The members of the group made hearts with lovely quotes about love.

They then passed these little hearts to people at Bishan Park.





St Ignatius' Parish



Road to Emmaus
Facilitators'
Prayer and
Workshop
Session

8th April





RCIA talks to Catechumens @ St. Joseph parish 14th April

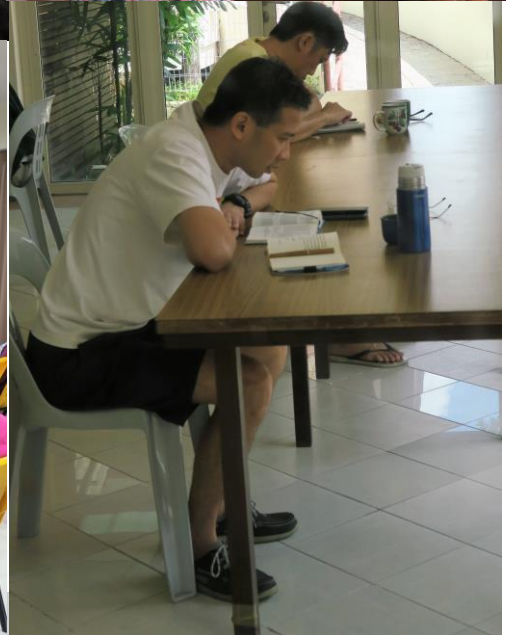
“Take up your Cross
and Follow Me”



Singapore Archdiocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal (SACCRE) “Word and Mission” 11th and 18th April



Verbum Dei Family Silent Retreat cum Disciples' commitment



15th
April
@ IHM
retreat
house

Disciples' commitment...

1st group of disciples who took permanent commitment:

Desiree (TGIF), Diana Ho (Sunday couples), Albert, Florence, Aloysius, Irene, John, Nicole, Lawrence and Sandy (Saturday couples)

Disciples who took 1 year commitment in 2017:

From TGIF: Yvonne, Diana Koh, Jocelyn, Amos, Sabrina, Dolly, Margaret, Maureen, David, Iris, Jacqueline and Justin.

From Sat couples: Joan and Leonard

From Sunday couples: Gary, Serene, Michelle, Mark, Paul, Julia, Debbie, Kenneth, Melissa, Jeff, Karen and Henry.



Project HoPe

Biblethon

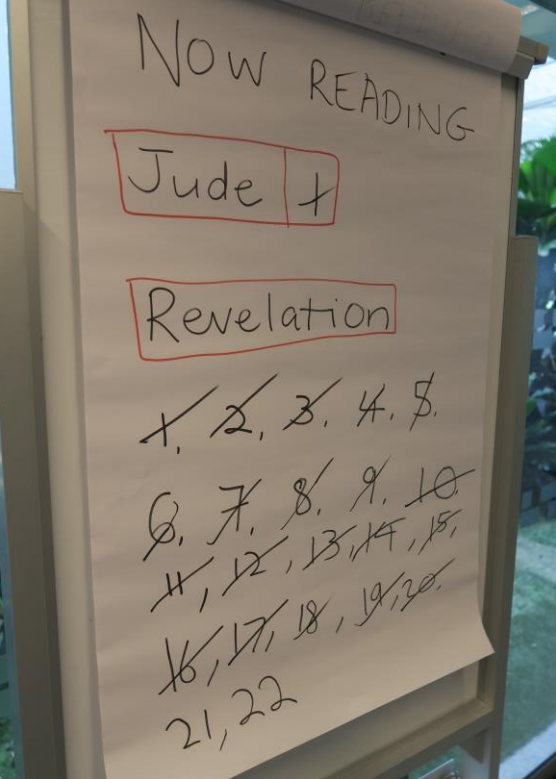
The 1st ever in Catholic Church in Singapore!



23 hours of continuous proclamation of the Word of God



Biblethon...





Sr. Lucia
Herrerias,
President of
Verbum Dei
Fraternity,
visited Verbum Dei
Singapore.
25th~ 30th April



Lucia with TGIF disciples



Lucia's Visit...



Lucia with Sat & Sun couples disciples

Lucia's visit to Archbishop William Goh



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Youth Ministry recollection @ FMM RETREAT HOUSE

28th~ 30th April

“It was Jesus who draws near”



IHM parish YM recollection...

