

## Editor Says

Long time ago, when I was a growing child, Christmas was a time for receiving presents and feasting on log cakes and chocolates, as well as walking down Orchard Road and taking into the magical lights and decorations of Santa, Rudolph and Frosty. I looked forward to welcome and celebrate Jesus' birth during Christmas eve mass with Christmas carols and pageants. After the mass obligation was over and then, I wrapped myself again in the excitement of receiving and feasting.



Now, as an adult who has hit the middle age, my perspective of Christmas has changed. Christmas, for me, is still about receiving and feasting. It is about receiving Immanuel, God-is-with-us, in my heart. It is about feasting on His unconditional and faithful love for me. Christmas becomes an interior "silent night" when Jesus comes and whispers to me, "I am here. Do not be afraid." His presence with me and in me is my companionship as I walk through the journey of each day.



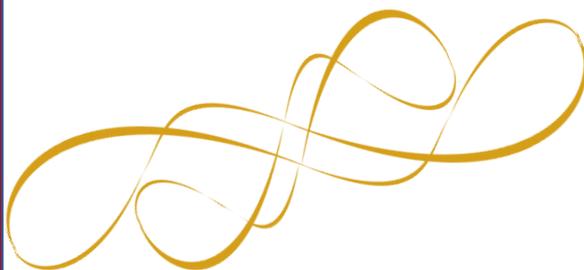
## Monika

is studying for a Bachelor in Theology at Verbum Dei Theological Centre at Loeches, Madrid.



## Sandra

is doing a Licentiate in Dogmatic Theology at the Pontifical University of Salamanca.



# Maria Jose

was one of the representatives from our region (Australia, Philippines, Taiwan and Singapore) for the 5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Congress of the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity, which was held at our centre at Loeches. *September*



**María Antonieta Vargas López**, new Superior General of the female branch  
**Ismael Joaquín Barros Peña**, new Superior General of the male branch  
**Rodrigo Carrizo Moya**, new President for Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity  
**Alfonso Martínez Luna & Adriana Guadalupe Ochoa Reynoso**, new Superior General of the couples branch





Final session of 2018  
Seeds of  
the Living Word

A party with parents  
4<sup>th</sup> Nov



# Verbum Dei Family Day at Sembawang Park

6<sup>th</sup> Nov





8-9th Nov

**Mothers' 2 Mornings Advent Silent Retreat**



**TGIF Advent Recollection "A life surprised by..."**

17th Nov



# Priscilla's First Vows

after 2 years of Formation Course  
at Isle of Wight, England

21<sup>st</sup> Nov





## Verbum Dei Family Silent Retreat *"Now God's Home is with Mankind"*

24 & 25<sup>th</sup> Nov



# Family Mission Trip

## Tagaytay, Philippines

1- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec





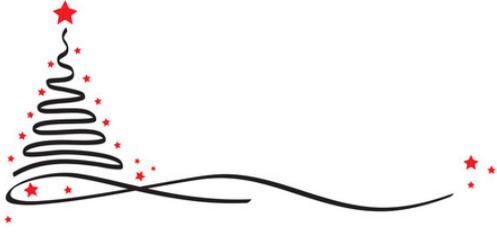
# Verbum Dei Thanksgiving Mass

## Parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

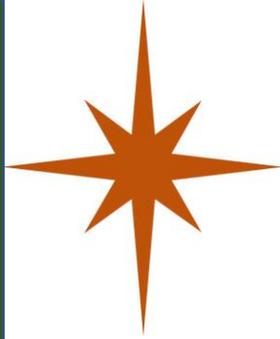
15<sup>th</sup> Dec



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## A summary of Priscilla's sharing during the mass...

"My name is Priscilla and I just professed my first public vows in Nov in England where I began my novitiate course for 2 years and have returned to this sunny island which I call Home.

The theme of the vows was "A Home where Love meets"

For me, it is not only to build an external home, but a home in me wherever I may go, where Jesus resides in me and with me.

Slowly, I have grown to understand that in this relationship with Jesus, it is not only based on our own efforts but it is Jesus who first desires for us to be happy, He who first love us and what we offer is only our response to His love. Just before the day of my vows, I understood how my profession was not only my Yes to Him but it is also His Yes and promise to me to walk this journey of missionary life together in building a Home. He has placed this gift and responsibility of Verbum Dei charism and mission into my life and each of us because He sees that we are all able to respond according to our own abilities in order to build up and share His presence of love to the people we meet each day. As one of the first missionary once said to me "it is more than a privilege to be able to follow Jesus in such a way to consecrate our lives to Him in all that we do" and I do thank Him for His call everyday to walk with Him."



# 2018...



## A year of Friendship and Fruitfulness





# Jesus

is the good news  
of our celebration.

May He be the reason  
for our joy and peace.

From,  
Verbum Dei Missionaries  
Singapore

# Merry Christmas!



"The Word became a human being." Jn 1:14