

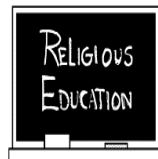
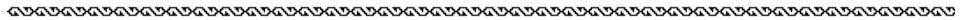


Today we are invited to meditate on the wonder of God's Kingdom. This marvelous gift has its roots in the love of the Lord for all mankind. It is God's PROJECT and this very fact guarantees the success of this undertaking in which all human beings are invited to participate as partners.

This project of the Kingdom was launched by God's Incarnate Son, Jesus Christ. It found in him not only the most zealous herald, but also its most perfect actualization and, therefore, our most inspiring model to emulate. In the Eucharist we will praise the Lord for the marvelous growth of the Kingdom in ourselves and around us. We will also thank Him for having made us not only witnesses of these wonders, but also His humble partners in facilitating the growth of the Kingdom.

Today we pray also for all fathers, and especially our own, whether he is still alive or has gone to his eternal reward. To all fathers, our best wishes for a

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



DON'T FORGET TO PRE-REGISTER YOUR CHILD !

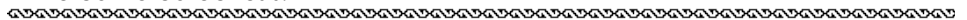
Parents who would like to enroll their children in the CLEC for the coming school year must signify their interest by pre-registering their child(ren) with the Catechetical Ministry. Formal Registration will be on all the Sundays of August. For more information please see any of our Catechists or visit the FCMM Office.

❖ Are you called to Catechesis? What is Catechesis?

"Catechesis always has been and always will be a work for which the whole Church must feel responsible and must wish to be responsible."

John Paul II, Catechesi Tradendae

The FCMM CLEC program will begin in September. Please consider if you would like to participate in the Catechesis of our children and youth, youth or adults. If you are interested in teaching, assisting, substituting, sponsoring, or helping in any other way, please contact Mrs. Linda Caldito-Ballares, Sr. Celia, or Fr. Frank. Formal Registration will begin in August, and classes in September. A planning meeting will be announced soon. Please prayerfully consider active participation in the call to catechesis!



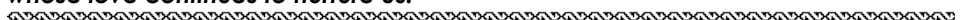
Let us pray for those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work,



marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us pray for those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father. Let us pray for those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us pray for those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives. Let us pray for those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing. Let us pray for those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect. Let us pray for those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart. Let us pray for those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own. Let us pray for those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides. Let us pray for those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us pray for those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.



Appropriate Behavior in Church (Part I)

FR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS

I am a senior citizen. Lately, I have been appalled at the way people act in Church, how they dress and how they pay attention to the Mass. It certainly is not the way it was when I grew up.

Actually, I have received several letters over the past few weeks concerning poor manners at church, even one from a new immigrant to our country. In one sense, we should not be surprised at the lack of proper manners and dress at church. After all, we live in a society where people pierce their various body parts — eyebrows, noses and tongues — just like the farmers do with their animals (although even they were spared tongue piercing). Many companies now have “casual Friday” where male employees no longer have to wear suits and ties and women employees, suits or dresses; however, The Wall Street Journal recently noted that many employees are now looking more like slobs on “casual Friday” and consequently approaching their work like slobs. More and more, I see casual attire at weddings and funerals, which were always considered “dress-up” events. Many people have lost all sense of basic politeness, like holding the door open for someone, especially a lady, or offering a seat on the Metro for a lady, especially an expectant mother or an elderly person. (I was raised to be a gentleman, so call me a chauvinist or old fashioned if you like.) Seldom do the words please and thank you echo in our ears. Yes, we should not be surprised if such a lack of manners overflows into our churches. While we may not be surprised at such a state of affairs, we should not condone it or lower ourselves to it. In regard to church, each of us should strive for good “Mass Manners,” and parents especially should make sure they are teaching their children good Mass Manners.

Therefore, as a priest and one who was raised by good, diligent parents who remembered the days when men always wore a coat and tie to church and ladies were expected to wear a hat and gloves, I will present what I consider good Mass Manners.

First, let us start at how we prepare for Mass. People should dress appropriately. In our society, we still consider coat and tie for men and dresses or suits for women appropriate attire for weddings, for special parties (even Christmas parties) and certainly for meeting dignitaries, like the pope or the president. We should then dress in the same way to meet our Lord, present in the holy Eucharist. Granted, perhaps in the summer we could be a little more casual, but we can still be neat, clean, and properly clothed. Frankly, shorts should be worn only by very young children; T-shirts should be kept for picnics; spandex pants and tights should be reserved for exercise; and halter tops should be burned. In deciding what to wear, we should be thinking, “I am dressing to meet my Lord and to participate in the mystery of my salvation.”

Before leaving home, parents should make sure the children go to the bathroom. People going in and out of the pews during Mass for the bathroom is distracting. Granted, there are legitimate reasons for having to use the bathroom during Mass. However, I think that some children have just gotten into a routine: during the homily, go to the bathroom; during Communion, get the drink of water. Frankly, when I was growing-up, I did not even know our church had a bathroom, because unless I was ready to vomit, I did not leave that pew except to receive Holy Communion.

Next, leave home with time to arrive at church before Mass begins, preferably about five or 10 minutes. Doing so allows everyone to have a few moments for prayer and to be ready to participate in the Mass. Granted, circumstances arise which will delay a family. Such a situation is different from the perpetually late parishioners.

When arriving at church, discard any gum in a proper container. There must be a special place in purgatory for those who stick gum underneath the pew. (Actually, no one should even be chewing gum in observance of the fasting law.) Those who leave their cigarette butts everywhere will probably end up in the same place.

(Conclusion of this article in next week's issue)

*As the school year comes to an end,
we wish all the children of our parish a happy,
safe and enjoyable summer.*



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR THE SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF CLASS 1962** offered by **NOEMI TUVIDA.**



"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive, good or evil, according to what he has done in the body."
- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

We are accountable for the gifts God has given us on Earth – our time, talent and treasure. One day each of us will be asked by God what we did with those gifts. How will you respond?



Your Offerings for the week ending June 10, 2012 totaled **\$ 2, 050. 50**

Thank you for your God bless you always!!!



continuing generosity !



AN IMPORTANT REMINDER:
As we begin the more relaxed season of summer, please remember that our parish, **The Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission**, still depends on your weekly generosity to meet everyday expenses. Please remember to "make up" your weekly

gift to our parish when you are away at your "summer home" or on a much deserved vacation. The FCMM doesn't take a vacation and we are called upon to meet our financial obligations even during the summer. Thanks for your assistance each week!



welcome!

- ❖ To the New Arrivals from the Philippines
- ❖ To the Visitors from other places;
- ❖ To those who have been away and are back;



❖ We join in the Thanksgiving Intentions of:
ALYSSA PAMBUAN, MR. & MRS. JEFFREY BAUTSTA and FAMILY, NILO & EDITH VALENZUELA, MARYAM CHAKER.

❖ Your prayers are humbly requested for all the Sick and Suffering members of our Mission community and their loved ones especially:
FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, SR. ELIZABETH RELACION mic, SR. LUZ PADERANGA op, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, JESS ALCAIDE, ELECITA ARACENA, ANNIE MOJADO, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, ANTONIO FOZ, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, WILFREDO DARIO, TRANQUILINO BIGCAS, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, ADRIANA BACQUIAL, JOSEFINA CALDITO RAQUIZA, NIDA VIERNES, RODOLFO KAHULUGAN SR., MARIA QUIRAPAS, JOAN TROUNGA, JESUS VALENDIANO, CIRIACO CALUMPIANO, TERESITA JALEA, IKE OSDON. May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our Deceased Relatives and Friends, especially **SILEVERIO & OLIMPIA CADORNA, JULITA GABA, FEDERICO GARCIA, MAGTANGGOL DE MESA ISIDRO DE MESA, ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY** and those dying everyday in battles and calamities around the world. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Stop by or call the FCMM office (514 387 – 5292) during normal business hours and have a Mass offered for your intention.



You could still volunteer your help for the renovations and maintenance work being done on Saturdays ! Contact Louie San Juan or Francis Pandy. **THANKS !**