



YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

OCTOBER 14, 2012  
28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Material riches are not an evil in themselves. They become a blessing if we keep our hearts detached from them and use them generously to help those in need. Then we are also spiritually rich, and our generosity becomes liberating for us and uplifting for its beneficiaries. But material wealth becomes a curse when it destroys the sensitivity of those who allow themselves to be dominated by the craving for it.**

**Woe to us if we allow material riches to possess our hearts!**

**We would soon find ourselves in a state of spiritual bankruptcy.**

**As we celebrate the "Year of Faith," which started on October 11, let the Eucharistic celebration remind us of the superiority of the spiritual values and give us the grace to use our material resources according to God's plan.**



Every Parish across the world will celebrate World Mission Sunday next week. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and mission.

Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in

countries where the Church is beginning, where it is new. World Mission Sunday is our chance to assist Catholic Communities throughout the world flourish. By sharing the gift of faith we can bring hope and love to those who need it most.

**A Special Collection will be taken up next Sunday for this Purpose.**

**PLEASE PREPARE FOR IT AND BE GENEROUS! Thank You.**



**THE SEARCH for the 2012 FCMM KING and QUEEN of ANGELS**

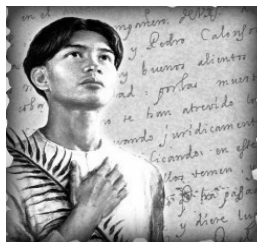
The Last Canvassing will be held on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27.**

You may now begin remitting your donations to the candidates' Parents/ Business Managers.

And remember that **Tax – deductible receipts** will be issued at the end of the year to those who will contribute **\$20.00 or more.**

**The event will coincide with the FCMM MASQUERADE PARTY @ 6 p.m. at the Church Hall. Come in your fantasy or religious costumes ( we discourage 'horrific' costumes) and you may win a prize ! Entrance Tickets are at \$ 5.00.**

**All children coming in their costumes are free !**



**A CATECHETICAL PRIMER ON THE LIFE, MARTYRDOM AND GLORIFICATION OF**

**BLESSED PEDRO CALUNGSOD (Part6)**

by Msgr. Ildebrando Jesus Aliño Leyson

*Blessed Pedro Calungsod*

**\*What were the important moments of the cause for the beatification of Pedro?**

The Archdiocese of Cebu, where Pedro belonged by ecclesiastical jurisdiction, also started to process his beatification cause, inquiring about the authenticity of the documents pertinent to the martyrdom of Pedro and establishing the fact that he gave his life for the Christian Faith and that he was killed on account of the same Faith. The Diocesan process was opened on November 21, 1994 and concluded on December 28, 1994. The Vatican recognized the validity of the diocesan process on March 21, 1997. On June 25, 1998, Pedro's *Positio Super Martyrio* was submitted to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints. On October 5, 1999, the Vatican Historians gave

a unanimous affirmative vote on the authenticity of the historical documents about Pedro while the Vatican Theologians gave a unanimous affirmative vote on the authenticity of the martyrdom of Pedro on January 4, 2000. Immediately, on January 11, 2000, Vatican Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops gave a unanimous affirmative vote for the beatification of Pedro. On January 27, 2000, Pope John Paul II promulgated the Decree on the Martyrdom of Pedro.

**\*When was Pedro beatified?** The beatification endeavor was rewarded when, on 5 March 2000, Pedro Calungsod was beatified by Pope John Paul II at Saint Peter's Square in Rome.

**\*What did Pope John Paul II say about Pedro?** In his homily during the beatification, Pope John Paul said, "From his childhood, Pedro Calungsod declared himself unwaveringly for Christ and responded generously to his call. Young people today can draw encouragement and strength from the example of Pedro, whose love of Jesus inspired him to devote his teenage years to teaching the faith as a lay catechist. Leaving family and friends behind, Pedro willingly accepted the challenge put to him by Fr. Diego Luís de San Vitores to join him on the Mission to the Chamorros. In a spirit of faith, marked by strong Eucharistic and Marian devotion, Pedro undertook the demanding work asked of him and bravely faced the many obstacles and difficulties he met. In the face of imminent danger, Pedro would not forsake Fr. Diego but, as a 'good soldier of Christ', preferred to die at the missionary's side. Today, Blessed Pedro Calungsod intercedes for the young, in particular those of his native Philippines, and he challenges them. Young friends, do not hesitate to follow the example of Pedro, who 'pleased God and was loved by him' and who, having come to perfection in so short a time, lived a full life."

**\*When is the feast of Blessed Pedro?** The feast of Blessed Pedro is celebrated every April 2, the anniversary of his martyrdom and it will remain as is after the canonization. If the date falls within Holy Week or Easter Week, the feast is observed on the Saturday before Passion Sunday. If the date falls on a Sunday of Lent or on a Sunday of Easter, the feast is observed on April 1.

**\*What day of the week do we observe the weekly devotion to Blessed Pedro?**

The weekly devotion to Blessed Pedro is observed every Saturday because of its significance in his life: he set foot in Guam to begin his mission on Saturday June 16, 1668 and ended his mission with his martyrdom on Saturday April 2, 1672.

**\*What is meant by "canonization of Blessed Pedro Calungsod"?** The Canonization of Blessed Pedro Calungsod is the solemn act by which the Pope, with definitive sentence, inscribes in the catalogue (canon) of saints Blessed Pedro. By this act, the Pope declares that Blessed Pedro now reigns in eternal glory and decrees that the Universal Church show him the honor due to a saint. Thus, Blessed Pedro will henceforth be addressed as Saint Pedro Calungsod or San Pedro Calungsod. The solemn canonization is an infallible and irrevocable decision of the Pope. "By canonizing some of the faithful, that is, by solemnly proclaiming that they practiced heroic virtue and lived in fidelity to God's grace, the Church recognizes the power of the Spirit of holiness within her and sustains the hope of believers by proposing the saints to them as models and intercessors. The saints have always been the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult moments in the Church's history. Indeed, holiness is the hidden source and infallible measure of her apostolic activity and missionary zeal." – *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 828.

**\*What was required for the canonization process of Blessed Pedro?** For the Pope to decide for the canonization, he needs a divine sign of approval which we call a miracle. A miracle may be defined as an extraordinary religious occurrence that came about through a special and gratuitous intervention of God. It is contemporaneously a sign or a manifestation of a divine message to man and a call to conversion. A miracle is a supernatural occurrence, and so, it cannot be explained naturally or scientifically. A major miracle is required for the canonization.

**\*Were there supernatural occurrences upon the invocation of Blessed Pedro's help?** After the beatification of Pedro Calungsod on March 5, 2000, many different divine favors were reported by people who asked for his intercessory aid. Choosing a major miracle from among these favors was not an easy task. There had to be sufficient objective documentation. Such a criterion was met in a medical case that happened on March 26, 2003 at a hospital in Cebu City. The supernatural occurrence was reported by the doctor himself who was the one who invoked Blessed Pedro Calungsod.

**\*What was the major miracle that God performed through the intercession of Blessed Pedro?** The presumed miracle is about the rapid recovery of a 49-year-old patient from Glasgow Coma Scale score 3 and the absence of motor and sensory deficits thereof.

**\*What is the official title given by the Vatican by which we may call Blessed Pedro when he will have been declared a saint?** He will be called Saint Pedro Calungsod,



Lay Catechist and Martyr (in English); San Pedro Calungsod, Katekistang Layko ug Martir (in Cebuano); San Pedro Calungsod, Katekistang Layko at Martir.



**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY WHEN THE CHURCH, ESPECIALLY THE FILIPINO CHURCH REJOICE IN CELEBRATION AS POPE BENEDICT XVI CANONIZES A TEENAGE MISSIONARY FROM THE VISAYAS... PEDRO CALUNGSOD !**



**"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)**

These words of Jesus are so harsh that sometimes we are tempted to ignore them, thinking that He really could not have meant them. Yet when our lives revolve around too many material possessions it is difficult to find the necessary time for God, for salvation and for God's beloved poor.



**Your Offerings for the week ending October 07, 2012 totaled \$ 1, 502. 50**

**Thank you for your continuing generosity !  
God bless you always!!!**



- ❖ 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:

**LUCILLE MANIGAO, LARRY & ALICE PANADO and FAMILY , FELY MANGUBAT and FAMILY, RHEA FOZ, MARIJUN ALVAREZ, RACHEL WONG, THE SAMPANG-VALENCIA FAMILY, MR. & MRS. FRANK DARIO and FAMLY.**



❖ 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, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, IKE OSDON, TERESITA JALEA, WILFREDO DARIO, JOHN NICHOLAS MEJIA, TERESITA PLAMENCO.** May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially **GARY BASA, LUCI JACQUES, CONSOLACION RUIZ, CARMEN DAGATAN, JOSE UNABIA, PORFERIA ACERO, ANITA CACHERO, PACITA LLENA, ESPERANZA BATION, ZENAIDA ARAZA, 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

**The Sacrifice of the Mass contains within it all of the graces of God and all that man can do to worship Him. Stop by or call the FCMM office (514 – 387 5292) during normal business hours and ask how you can have a Mass offered for your intention.**



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ALL DEPARTED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS** offered by **MANNY & LINA LAGASCA**.

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