

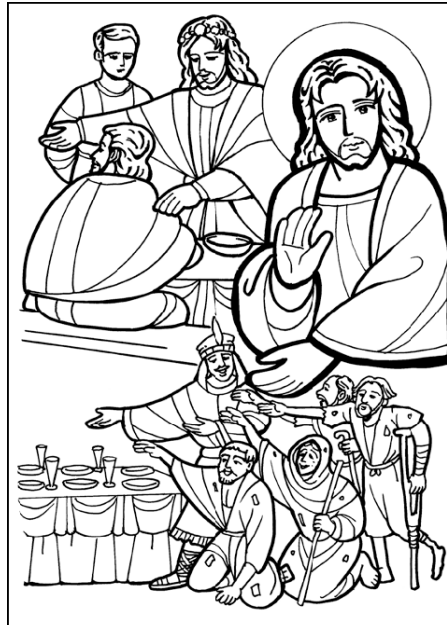


# NOTRE-DAME-DES-PHILIPPINES CATHOLIC MISSION

MONTREAL, CANADA

01 September 2013

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



*On this Sunday, the Word of God invites us to reflect on the disastrous consequences of pride and the preciousness of humility. Pride was what cast Lucifer into hell. Pride and ambition is what brought Adam and Eve to disobey God, as a consequence of which they were driven out of the Garden of Eden.*

*Pride has caused so much suffering to so many millions of human beings along the centuries. Its opposite – HUMILITY – brings joy, peace, and encouragement to all.*

*Humble people readily acknowledge that all the good qualities they have are gifts from God and that every success has its origin and support in Him.*

*In the Eucharistic celebration let us ask for the grace to be truly humble.*

*This will enable us to be GENEROUS and thereby become a source of happiness for so many of our brothers and sisters*

## GOD WILL EXALT THE HUMBLE AND REWARD THE GENEROUS



A literal and superficial interpretation of the conclusion of the first part of today's Gospel passage can be misleading. It sounds as if one should choose the lowest place in order to be invited to move higher, right in front of everybody. (See Lk 14:10.) Such an intention/attitude could hardly be called humility. Nor can this form of subtle hypocrisy be what Jesus is trying to teach his fellow guests and us.

This section should not be understood as suggesting a wrong intention in the one who chooses the lowest place; rather it states a fact – how God (the Host) will treat those who in this life have treasured humility. He will exalt them, even as He will clamp down those who have proudly exalted themselves. (See v. 11. See also *Mary's Canticle*, Lk 1:52.) All this amounts to an exaltation of God's justice and fairness. He promises a reward to all those who deserve it, even as He threatens punishment to the unworthy.

And rightly so, for there is nothing more revolting than pride, and nothing more pleasing than genuine humility. While pride is the *ultimate root of all sins and vices*, *humility is the mother of all virtues*. Quite simply, these are the two fundamental opposite attitudes which will determine our eternal destiny.

Contrary to all appearances, *pride* is the manifestation of a terrible *spiritual poverty and blindness*. For all his self-sufficiency, a proud person needs others against whom to measure himself and feel that he is stronger, richer, prettier, more intelligent, more powerful, . . . more everything! In their moral blindness, proud people refuse to recognize that all the good qualities and assets they possess are gifts from the Lord.

Deeply envious of the qualities or success of others, they deny them or attribute them to wrong intentions or dealings . . . Proud people feel a devouring need to display their trophies and achievements. They absolutely refuse even to contemplate the possibility of failing, but all the while they keep nose-diving into their final, irreparable failure – hell!

Diametrically opposite to such spiritual misery and self-destructive attitude towers *humility*, the sign and fruit of a wonderful spiritual richness. Humble persons see themselves and others as gifts. They readily acknowledge this truth, and joyfully

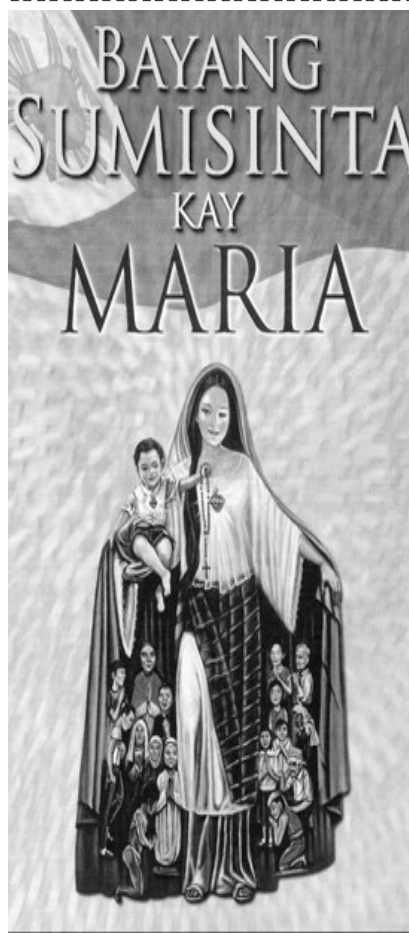
thank the Donor. Mary is the most stupendous example of such humility. (See the "Magnificat," especially Lk 1:46-49.)

Happy in receiving with gratitude, and happier still in giving without expecting thanks or reward, humble people readily rejoice in the good qualities or successes of their neighbor. They see no place, no occupation as being too low for them, while considering all others worthier than themselves.

Humble people see themselves as having the mission to be helpful to others, and continuously try their best to accomplish such mission. They can be defined as "people for others." When they fail, they never feel humiliated, for even the most bitter failure is for them a stepping stone toward the final success – heaven!

Jesus Christ, the greatest of all, was also the most humble of all. He is the champion of all the humble. All his life (including his death) was the clearest example of what a humble person should be and do.

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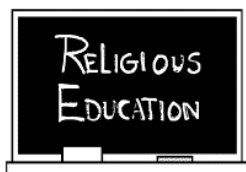
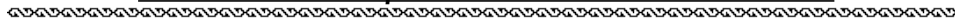
**The Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal**, following in the steps of our brothers and sisters in the Philippines, invites all Filipino Faithful on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.** to a **Special Eucharistic Celebration** and **Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**, followed by an out-door procession.

This solemn act of entrustment and consecration is part of our Year of Faith observance and also part of the preparation for the 2014 celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the Canonical Installation of the Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal. The consecration desires that under the banner of Mary all Filipinos will be one and in peace in faith and love...

Let September 8, 2013, be our very special day with our Blessed Mother, our very own Mother's Day, when we all come together under her mantle of care and protection, of comfort and consolation, of love and peace, and be renewed in our faith in Jesus Christ, sent to us by the Father through the Holy Spirit. We will do this confident that we are *Pueblo Amante de Maria, Isang Bayang Sumisinta Kay Maria.*

**NOTE: NO 11:30 A.M. Mass next Sunday !**

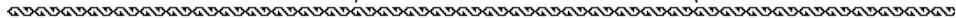
**Come for the 3:00 p.m. Celebration. See You there!**



❖ **FAITH FIRST 2013-2014 ENROLLMENT:**  
Begins September 1, 2013 10:00 a.m.  
@ the Church Hall

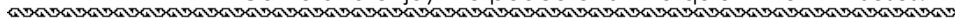
Parents who would like to enroll their children in the CLEC for the coming school year must signify their interest by registering their child(ren) with the Catechetical Ministry.

For more information, please call the FCMM Office ( 514- 387-5292



**A Reminder: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** begins at 6:00 p.m. on **Friday, September 6<sup>TH</sup>** followed by the **Holy Mass.**

Come and enjoy the peace of a little quiet time with Jesus.



**THIS IS YOUR BULLETIN'S LAST ISSUE.**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL OUR SPONSORS AND BENEFACTORS FOR  
 MAKING THIS PROJECT A REALITY FOR MANY YEARS.  
 PLEASE VISIT THE FCMM WEBSITE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
 INFORMATION !

 **Upcoming Events**

- ❖ VIRGEN DE LOS REMEDIOS (San Fernando, Pampanga) FIESTA Celebration on Sunday, September 8. @ 2:00 p.m.
- ❖ OUR LADY OF PEÑAFRANCIA FIESTA on Sunday, September 15.  
Novena Prayers will be recited before the Mass.
- ❖ SAN LORENZO RUIZ FIESTA DINNER-DANCE on Saturday, September 28 @ 6:00 p.m.  
\$35 Tickets available from Mrs. Julie Tabamo



**"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."** Luke 14:14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.



Your Offerings for the week ending August 25, 2013 totaled,  
**\$ 1. 087.00**

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



generosity !



- 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:  
**APOLONIA VALENZUELA, GAVINO VALENZUELA, LAURA PANADO, NERIZZA KAYE MENTES.**



- Your prayers are humbly requested for **all the sick and suffering** members of our Mission community and their loved ones especially:  
**FR. FRANCISCO ALVAREZ pme,**  
**FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, FR. GERARD LOISELLE, pme,**  
**SR. LUZ PADERANGA op, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR.,**  
**FE PADERANGA, ANNIE MOJADO, ELECITA ARACENA, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC,**  
**JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO,**  
**CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, ANTONIO FOZ,** May God bring them healing and peace.

- Remember also all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially  
**CONRADO ARACENA JR., DANILO BACOSA, PAZ GONZALES, MANUEL FOZ, MARIA CLARA QUIRAPAS, MARCIANA CORPUZ, ROBERTO ROSALES, REMEDIOS KALALO ROSALES, DR. JOSE ROSALES, PABLO QUEJA, PRISCILLA PATUBO QUEJA, NEMESIA NIEVA, 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.**

