



SANCTUARY

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Lord, prepare me to be a Sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.



**Catholic Symposium for the Laity – Group Leaders 2006
By the Most Reverend Richard J. Grecco
Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto – Central Region
April 1, 2006**

Catholic Symposium for the Laity is the gathering of all the Leaders of the different Lay Movements in the Archdiocese of Toronto. This gathering of leaders is the continuing dialogue in celebration of Lay Movements in the Archdiocese. This year, they talked about the results of last year's Symposium as well as to present the Directory of Laity in the Archdiocese. The Lay Leaders also talked about how to make better the "handshake" between the Archdiocese and the Lay Movements. Results will again be discussed in next year's gathering.

The highlight of the day was the celebration of the Holy Eucharist by the Most Reverend Bishop Richard J. Grecco, the senior Vicar General and the Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto in charge of the Central Pastoral Region and Scarborough of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

We are grateful for this opportunity to represent our community and for "Magnificat" to be known to the Most Reverend Bishop and to the different Lay Movements in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

(From left: Estela Cruz, Lita Malixi, Joe Lapid, Annie Lapid, *Most Reverend Bishop J. Grecco*, Diana Henderson and Ken Henderson (not in the picture).)

Easter! The Passover of Jesus and my own.



Dear brothers and sisters,

Christ has been sacrificed as our Passover. So says the Easter Liturgy. The Passover of the Israelites out of the slavery in Egypt into the freedom of the Promised Land was foreshadowing and promise. In Jesus we have the reality that was in preparation. In Jesus (the real Moses), we have been led out of the slavery of sin, crushed the devil's reign (Pharaoh), saved by the Lamb of God for eternal life, made righteous by faith through baptism (Red Sea), and received a new and abundant covenant: Gods Kingdom. United to Jesus, now risen and still with us, we have died to sin and live the new life in the Holy Spirit with our words and deeds. The sharing of His Spirit is the fullness of Jesus Easter gift. All is done to the glory of the Father. All is the free gift of God Who loves us that much.

The challenge for us is to say "Yes" to this gift from moment to moment so that the Spirit can transform us in the likeness of Jesus to become fully son or daughter of the Father through Jesus in the Holy Spirit. Our Easter this year renews these gifts in our Liturgical Celebration, May the fullness of Easter Joy embrace us: Christ is truly Risen!

A lot of us have a deeper sadness and confusion: I fail all the time in charity and many other things how can I ever be "perfect as the Father is perfect" as Jesus tells us? Jesus says: through repentance I will forgive, that is my Easter gift. Can repentance make perfect, can it be Joy? There are two kinds of repentance. There is a shallow one, not from the heart, which is more concerned to avoid punishment and kind of makes a trade off with God. This not prevents from falling deeper into sin and keeps a person mediocre at best. Being afraid of a just God and the possibility of hell are always in the back of his mind. Then there is true repentance or compunction when I am moved by Gods awful and infinite love and the challenge to respond to that love and the gift of Himself to me. This repentance brings me in the Heart of Jesus and an intimate relationship with Him. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit I acquire a "fear of the Lord" that is reverence and wanting to live for Gods glory.

Penance creates the space for the Sprit to move in and start to transform me. But you say: I am still very imperfect sinning moment after moment and becoming more aware of it as I start to know Gods Love and perfection and that makes me sad and unsure. It is here that I have to learn a very important lesson from St.Paul who says; "My strength was made perfect in weakness." We are weak in selfishness and distrust, etc in any given moment and therefore never reach that full perfection on earth. But from moment to moment we repent and live in trust of God's continuous mercy and forgiveness, growing in the Spirit, united with Christ's Passion. Deeper penance, deeper love, closer to God's Holiness. We grow motivated by trust. What matters is not so much our weakness, but how quickly we realize our failings and run back to the embrace of His Sacred Heart.

This constant reuniting experiencing His ever loving and forgiving presence, being able to love more in spite of our weaknesses is the joy of continual penance: Easter joy, every day. For us Catholics penance includes a regular reception of the Sacrament of Penance, sacrament also of forgiveness and peace, confessing that we are sinners and giving thanks and praise to God.

A very Happy and blessed Easter to every one of you and thank you so much for the special tribute on my 50th Anniversary to Priesthood on March 18th. It touched my heart. Also Magnificat was represented at the mass and reception at St.Elizabeth Seton Parish. Many thanks, keep me in your prayers as I do with you all.

In the love of Jesus,

Fr. Matthew Robbertz
Spiritual Director, Magnificat Charismatic Prayer Comm.



My dear Magnificat Family,

I got an early birthday gift. On March 30, 2006 Bishop Richard Grecco, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto overseeing all lay movement groups, gave a nod of approval to the work of Magnificat. It was a courtesy call filled with apprehension at first due to all the forebodings that preceded our call. But Bishop Grecco was an affable, understanding, caring and zealous pastor of the flock. He put us at ease and it was just a joyful meeting of hearts and minds. He was most encouraging in his acknowledgement of what Magnificat is doing and my role in this apostolate. He expressed the hope that our dream of a Shrine be a reality one day soon. We will invite him to our anniversary in July.

The song keeps haunting me: *“Lord prepare us your sanctuary, ... tried and true.”* Without knowing what Magnificat stands for until this visit we made to him, Bishop Grecco has pointed his finger upon the commitment which the Magnificat family has made. The Archdiocese is like Joseph’s coat of many colors. It’s vision is to gather them all and to make the many cultures and nationalities in this Archdiocese one people. Magnificat fits into this vision. For in this heart of *Jesus, the King of Mercy and of Mary, Queen of the World*, the various colors of God’s people are all gathered into a coat. The Bishop invited Magnificat to present itself before the clergy of the Archdiocese. This will be our offer to them: *Come to Regina Mundi. Meet God’s people here. And under the loving mantle of the Queen, God’s people shall be a kingdom of the King of Mercy.*

By an anointed coincidence, the gospel of the day, March 30, proclaimed Jesus’ saying: *“The Father who sent me has testified on my behalf”* (John 5:37). We can experience the presence of Jesus in and around us in ordinary but powerful undeniable ways in the testimony of the Father in the people and situations around us.

Magnificat is surrounded by such testimony. Regina Mundi is a witness. God’s blessings and love is poured out among his people. Our favorite song is: *As we gather may His Spirit move within us ...”*

Holy Week will testify to the anointing of Magnificat. The Magnificat family should find cause to celebrate. May we all have this prayer in our heart.

“Lord, open my eyes to see the many ways in which you are pouring out your love in our midst. And may we shout: My soul proclaims the goodness of the Lord.”

Holy Week blessings for all,



Fr. Teo Rustia

Spiritual Advisor & Founder of the
Magnificat Charismatic Prayer Comm.

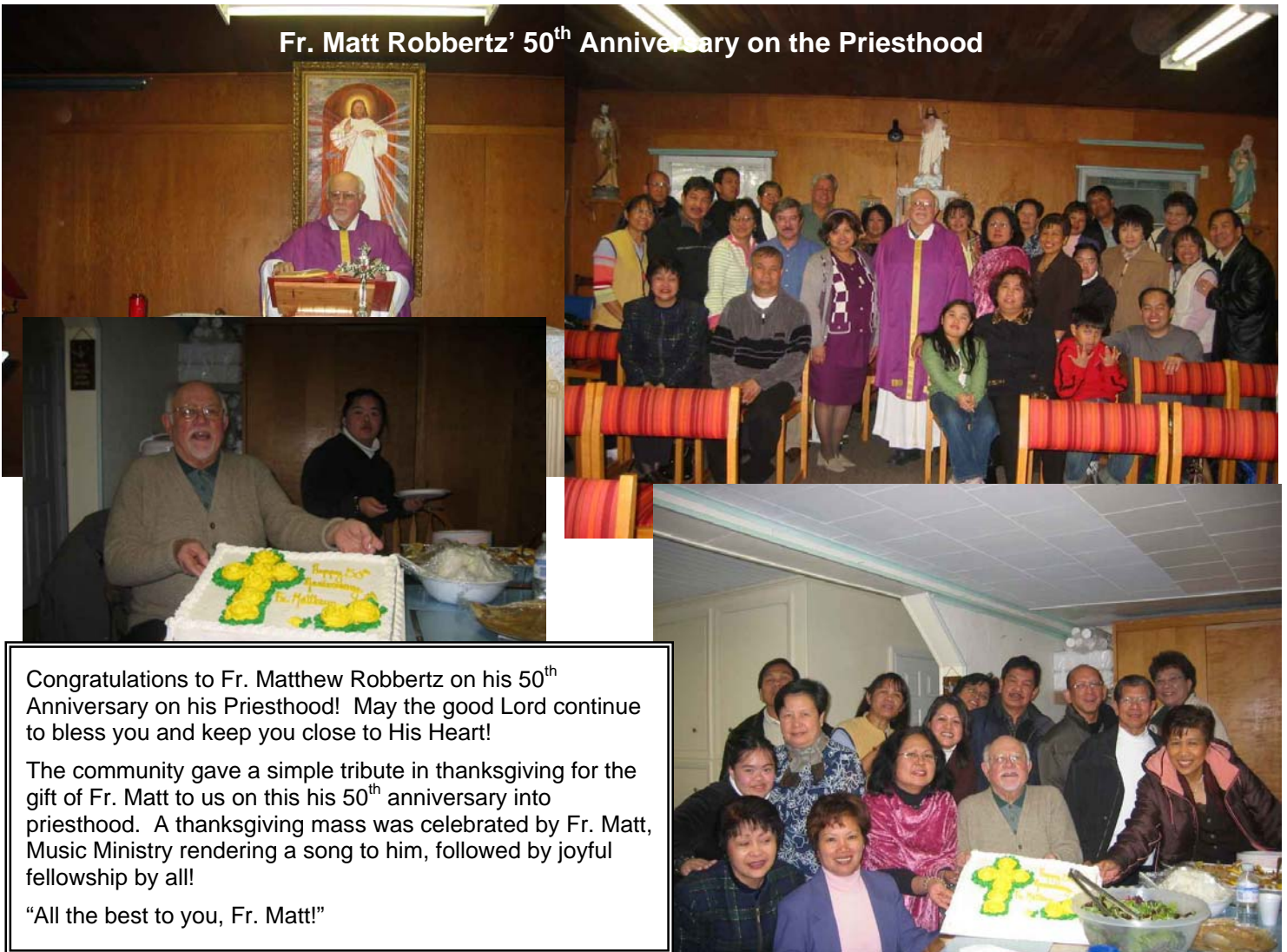
NORTH ZONE PRAYER GROUP SEMINAR ON DISCERNING – MARCH 4, 2006

Seminar on Discernment by Brian Sullivan, Chairman of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services of Ontario was organized by the North Zone Group of the ACR in which our community, Magnificat, belongs. Spirit filled seminar where some of our members participated. (Fr. McKenna with the group.)

Discernment: The Meeting Point of Prayer and Action. How to discern God's now word for your life!



Fr. Matt Robbertz' 50th Anniversary on the Priesthood



Congratulations to Fr. Matthew Robbertz on his 50th Anniversary on his Priesthood! May the good Lord continue to bless you and keep you close to His Heart!

The community gave a simple tribute in thanksgiving for the gift of Fr. Matt to us on this his 50th anniversary into priesthood. A thanksgiving mass was celebrated by Fr. Matt, Music Ministry rendering a song to him, followed by joyful fellowship by all!

"All the best to you, Fr. Matt!"

PILGRIMS ARE BACK FROM THE PHILIPPINES



Ninoy Aquino Internal Airport, Philippines



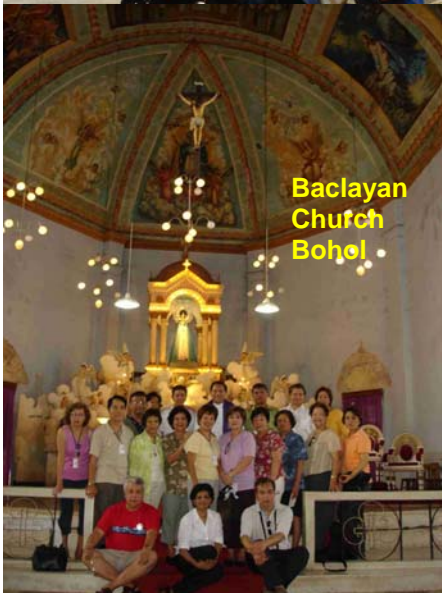
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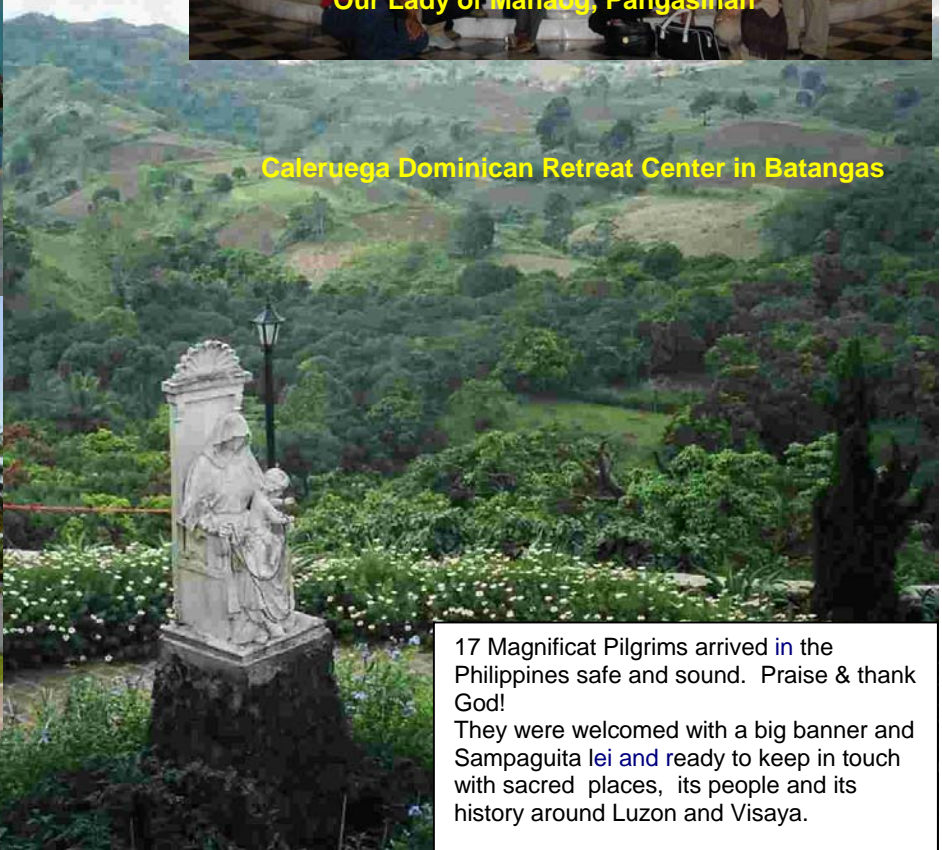
Sacred Heart Church, Cebu



Blood Compact, Bohol



Baclayan Church Bohol



Caleruega Dominican Retreat Center in Batangas



17 Magnificat Pilgrims arrived in the Philippines safe and sound. Praise & thank God!

They were welcomed with a big banner and Sampaguita lei and ready to keep in touch with sacred places, its people and its history around Luzon and Visaya.

They even had an opportunity to visit the residence of Dr. Arcadio & Nini Tamayo. What a treat! The Spirit of Love Music Ministry greeted them with big smiles and it happens to be the birthday celebration of Lita Malixi that day.

Fr. Teo treated the group with the Barrio Fiesta in his hometown in Bulacan.

Ophie Valdez is now preparing trip #2 which will happen January 2007. See more details on the next issue of Sanctuary.

Fr. Teo Rustia is back to Regina Mundi



All praise and thanksgiving to our Lord for bringing back our beloved Fr. Teo Rustia!

As Father Teo always say, "It's good to be HOME especially when you feel the warmth and the loving welcome! "Though I am far away, my thoughts and prayers are always with you and I look forward for the time that I can join you again!" Our sentiments are the same Father we look forward to your coming home with us! Welcome back and we give praise and thanksgiving to our loving God for keeping you always close to His heart, for keeping you safe and in good health!

**Fr. Teo Rustia's Birthday Celebration
April 5 & 6**



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT
CLASS #31
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
May 5, 6 & 7, 2006
To register contact: Ariel & Linda Antonio
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PILGRIMAGES
Shrine of the Divine Mercy & Our Lady of Fatima
May 12 – May 14
 Departure: Friday night from Regina Mundi

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS, ILLINOIS
July 6 – 9
 Departure: Thursday night from Regina Mundi

For more info contact: Ariel & Linda Antonio
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VISION STATEMENT

We are a community of Catholic families called by our faith to make together, as one family, the pilgrimage of hope to the fullness of a life of love shared with the Triune God.

We make this pilgrimage open and obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit in union with the Church, guided by the Catholic Hierarchy.

We look to the Holy Family of Nazareth as our inspiration and model in this pilgrimage.

We acknowledge the love of one another in, through and with Christ as the bond empowering us to be built up as a community of Jesus Christ.

Other Feast Days Celebrated for the months of April & May

April

- Apr. 08 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
- Apr. 10 – Monday of Holy Week
- Apr. 11 – Tuesday of the Holy Week
- Apr. 12 – Wednesday of the Holy Week
- Apr. 13 – HOLY THURSDAY
- Apr. 14 – GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
- Apr. 15 – HOLY SATURDAY
- Apr. 16 – EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
- Apr. 23 – 2nd Sunday of Easter
- Apr. 23 – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
- Apr. 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- Apr. 25 – St. Mark
- Apr. 26 – Our Lady of Good Counsel
- Apr. 28 – Sts. Peter Chanel and Louis Mary de Monfort
- Apr. 29 – St. Catherine of Siena
- Apr. 30 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

May

- May 01 – St. Joseph the Worker
- May 02 – St. Athanasius
- May 03 – Sts. Philip and James
- May 05 – First Friday, Sacred Heart of Jesus
- May 06 – First Saturday, Our Lady
- May 07 – 4th Sunday of Easter
- May 12 – Sts. Nereus and Achilleus and Pancras
- May 13 – OUR LADY OF FATIMA
- May 14 – 5th Sunday of Easter
- May 18 – St. John I
- May 20 – St. Bernardine of Siena
- May 21 – 6th Sunday of Easter
- May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia
- May 25 – Sts. Bede the Venerable, Gregory VII, and Mary Magdalene de Pazzi
- May 26 – St. Philip Neri
- May 27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury
- May 28 – 7th Sunday of Easter
- ASCENSION of the LORD
- May 31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- Apr. 8 (Sat.) 11:00 A.M. COE MEETING (Magnificat House)
2:00 p.m. LENTEN RECOLLECTION (COMMUNITY)
VANIER HALL, REGINA MUNDI
3:00 p.m. – Divine Mercy
4:00 p.m. – HOLY EUCHARIST
anticipated Palm Sunday Mass
- Apr. 12 (Wed) - 7:30 P.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST
with HEALING SERVICE, VANIER HALL
- Apr. 13 – Holy Thursday – Holy Eucharist @ 7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 14 – Good Friday
12:00 p.m. Station of the Cross – Passion Play
3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
- Apr. 15 – Holy Saturday
2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Recollection with Dr. Tamayo
7:00 p.m. – EASTER VIGIL
- Apr. 22 (Sat.) - RECOLLECTION FOR COVENANTED MEMBERS
- Apr. 23 (Sun.) - FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY
- Apr. 26 (Wed.) 7:30 P.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST
with HEALING SERVICE, VANIER HALL
- Apr. 28, 29, 30 - MagYOUTH RETREAT (c/o Youth Ministry)
(Bro. Ernie/Sis Nini Guinto and Bro. Larry/Sis. Josie Estrabillo)
- May 3 (Wed.) -7:30 P.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST
with HEALING SERVICE, REGINA MUNDI
- May 5, 6 & 7 - M.E. RETREAT CLASS #31**
(Fri – Sun) c/o Bro. Ariel/Sis. Linda Antonio
- May 13 (Sat) 2:00 p.m. FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA
PROCESSION, REGINA MUNDI
3:00 p.m. – Divine Mercy
4:00 p.m. – Anticipated Sunday Mass
- May 12 – May 14 – Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Divine Mercy, MASSACHUSETTE & Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, BUFFALO**
For info contact Ariel & Linda Antonio
- May 15 (Mon) - Fr. Teo to depart for Philippines
(Holy Land Pilgrimage w/ Phil. Group)
- May 20 (Sat) - 11:00 A.M. – EVANGELIZATION & FAMILY MINISTRY MEETINGS
- 2:30 P.M. – Holy Rosary,
- Divine Mercy Devotion, prayer meeting
- 4:00 P.M. – Anticipated SUNDAY MASS
- May 27 (Sat.) - 2:30 P.M. – Holy Rosary,
- Divine Mercy Devotion, prayer meeting
- 4:00 P.M. – Anticipated SUNDAY MASS



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