



# 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.*



I find this cover page very touching. I remember when I took this picture, I got goose bumps when I saw tire tracks on the snow. Did you know that even during winter, there are still people visiting the Oratory? During my Christmas vacation, I was able to spend some time at Regina Mundi. And one day while I was feeding the cats, I was surprised to see a lady drive her car up to the Oratory. I heard that this lady comes once a day to light up a candle, even during the winter time. Therefore, I decided to make this a cover page as an inspiring start of the New Year.

It's hard to believe that it's been over 5 years since I began working on the **Sanctuary Newsletter**. When Fr. Teo appointed me last December 2000 to continue publishing the Sanctuary, I could not say no. Now here I am five years later, still working and trying to publish this monthly newsletter. A few people have asked why my name is nowhere in the Sanctuary, but for me, that is not an issue. What is important is that the Sanctuary is published continuously to provide awareness, enlightenment and inspiration to all its readers.

I would like to thank Sis. Estela who helps type the captions and information needed to meet the deadline. A special thanks also goes to Sr. Pat Tapales, THDW and Sandra Micharelli who started the Sanctuary newsletter in 1997.

Some of you have experienced God's merciful providence, "witnessed God's Glory" or simply have something inspirational to share to everyone. I invite you to share your experience and contribute through the pages of our community newsletter. You never know whose lives you can touch by simply sharing your story!

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All the best in 2006,

Sis. Diana Henderson



My dear COE and Magnificat Family:

In the Philippines there are those who want to change Christmas to “*Krisis-mas.*” No way. Even the poorest of the poor protested. Placards from the poor sectors emblazoned: “Christmas is the only reason for living for us!”

Christ-mas is the light in the dark. It is still for the great multitude. It is for us. This season finds us wishing and longing to be together at Regina Mundi. It would not be. But the spirit of the true Christmas binds us. “*Glory to God and on earth peace to those who have Him in their heart.*”

A story that caught the fancy of people in my Christmas homilies concern this news report of the millionaire cats. In New York two cats, Phytias and Damon, received a huge inheritance of \$750,000 USD inheritance from the owner. In France, a rich couple bequeathed \$14 million USD to the care of all stray cats in Paris.

I would ask the mass-goers: “Who want to be cats?” No answer. A little boy piped out: “*Ayaw ko po ng pusa kahit mapera. Di naman po siya liligaya. Nanakawin lang po.*” (I don’t want to be a cat - even a rich one. The money will only be stolen).

God still has the edge in making us happy. He knows us. We are His. So, He gave us His only Son. But in this world that is the problem. We do not appreciate God’s moves. “*The light came into His own. His own rejected Him.*”

Hopefully not for you. Not for us. In this changing world of ours, its circumstances and situations always fluctuating, the events and relationships clashing at the world’s every turn, our only assurance is *Emmanuel, the God-with-us*. If we accept Him, we would always hear His whispering. “*Do not be afraid.*”

So this year we move on. Christmas, New Year, on we go, with our journey. The Pilgrimage to the Philippines I hope would be an important part of our journey this year. I have personally given a hand in preparing the itinerary and included a chance for me to thank you by including a treat in my hometown. I encourage every one of you to join. It will be a wonderful time for you and an opportunity for me to lead you in discovering the forgotten wonders of our very own Philippines. Do fit it in your schedule. And see you in February.

*Praying for all the best for you.*

*Blessings of peace and joy to you, my dear Family.*

*father*  
Fr. Teo Rustia

## Christmas Celebration 2005 – Regina Mundi



*CHRISTMAS*, a season with much anticipation for the hope, the joy, the peace that it brings to those who waits for the coming of the Child Jesus, the Divine Messiah, our Saviour, our Emmanuel – God With Us! It's a celebration of the birthday of JESUS and what a fitting way to keep HIM close to our hearts than in the Eucharistic celebration of the Holy Mass. For the Magnificat community, the Chapel, the holy place of the Holy Eucharist - is always waiting for us - a "must" place to visit and to spend more time with the Lord!

Our community finds time to celebrate this joyous occasion with friends, guests, members, faithfuls who frequent our place at the Christmas Dinner/Dance held at Vanier Hall. It's a time for wonderful fellowship, songs, Christmas carols, dance, laughter, joyful noise, music and food! Thank you all for celebrating with us and hope to see you again next year!



## A Tribute to Mommy Donna 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Death Anniversary



Celebrating the life of a wonderful woman, a loving mother, a song, a flower, an inspiration to everyone - to her children & family and to her children in the community that she loved and care so much. But most of all, a *true, humble, faithful servant of God!*

This is *MOMMY DONNA EUSEBIO* - a dear "Mommy" to everyone.

The community commemorated her 2<sup>nd</sup> death anniversary at the Chapel at Regina Mundi . The Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Matthew Robbertz and co-celebrated by Deacon Ramon (Class M.E. #4).

We thank the presence of Mommy's children (middle picture) and the many friends who have come to pay tribute to her.





Mommy Donna was such an inspiration that everyone contributed to this "touching" tribute to her. Kind words, loving memories, poems & songs were composed and sang; beautiful prayers, and just being together with one loving thoughts and memories of Mommy made this "Tribute" a memorable one! We miss Mommy so much but we know that even up in heaven, she lovingly looks down on her children here on earth and continues to pray and intercede for us!



We welcome and thank members of our community (Class M.E. #4) who have come to pay tribute to Mommy Donna. Our community, Magnificat, continue to open the door to other members who have not frequently come to visit us! We miss you and we hope to see more of you at Regina!

### *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.**

Shortly after Christmas, we received an email from a dear friend, a Franciscan friar, whom Magnificat members have met during pilgrimages to the Holy Land. *Fr. Angelo Ison* shared this article at a very appropriate time of the year. There is nothing “ordinary” in these thoughts, and it is also extraordinary how, after having lost touch with him for a number of years, he has re-connected with us and has become a strong presence in our lives once again.

**Born into the Ordinary**  
(as shared by Fr. Angelo Ison, FFM)

*After the birth of Christ, we need not look to the extraordinary, the spectacular or the miraculous to find God. God is now found where we live--in our kitchens, at our tables, in our wounds, and in each other's faces.*

*That is hard to believe and always has been. When Jesus was on earth, virtually no one believed he was the Messiah, precisely because he was so ordinary, so unlike what they imagined God to be. They had expected a superstar, a king, someone who would turn the world rightfully upside down. Preaching meekness and gentleness, Jesus didn't live up to those expectations.*

*It is curious that Scripture refuses to describe what Jesus looked like. It never tells us whether he was short or tall, with beard or without, had light or dark hair, had blue or brown eyes. Neither does it ever assign to him anything extraordinary in terms of psychological countenance. For example, it never tells us that when Jesus entered a room his eyes were so penetrating and his gaze so awesome that people knew they were in the presence of someone extraordinary. No. In terms of his appearance, Jesus apparently wasn't worth describing. He looked like everyone else. Even after the resurrection, he is mistaken for a gardener, a cook, a traveler.*

*Things haven't changed much in two thousand years. Seldom does Christ meet expectations. We, like his contemporaries, are constantly looking beyond the ordinary, beyond the gardener, the cook, and the traveling stranger, to try to find a miraculous Christ. It is for this reason that we fly off to Fatima or Lourdes to see a spot where the Virgin Mary might have cried, but fail to see the significance of the tears shed at our own breakfast table. We are intrigued by a Padre Pio who had the wounds of Christ on his hands, but fail to see the wounds of Christ in those suffering around us or in our own emotional and moral wounds.*

*We pray for visions, but seldom watch a sunset. We marvel at the gift of tongues, but are bored listening to babies. We look for Christ everywhere, except in the place where the incarnation took place: our flesh.*

*Love is a thing that happens in ordinary places—in kitchens, at tables, in bedrooms, in workplaces, in families, in the flesh. God abides in us when we abide there. Through the Incarnation, God crawls into ordinary life and invites us to meet him there.*

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Indeed, God comes to us through the most ordinary occurrences in every day life. Little things to rejoice in, but miracles nevertheless. Like a fresh pot of coffee you did not have to make yourself... an unexpected phone call from an old friend... green stoplights on your hurried drive to work... the quickest line at the grocery check-out counter... a good sing-along on the radio... your keys right where you look... gentle reminders that the Lord is smiling on you because He loves you and you are special to Him.

***Wishing you and your loved ones much Peace, Joy and Love all through 2006!***

Patti Candido

NO GRUDGES AFTER SUNSET

***If you are angry, let it be without sin. The sun must not go down on your wrath.*** (Ephesians 4:26)

It is January, the beginning of a new year, a good time to ponder on things that will perhaps make us better persons (more Christ-like) than we were in the past.

Let us share with you a reflection in Our Daily Bread which touches on Ephesians 4:26.

“A little boy got into a fight with his brother and the whole experience left him feeling bitter. When his brother wanted to make things right, he refused to listen. In fact, he would not speak to his brother all day.

Bedtime came, and their mother said to the boy, “Don’t you think you should forgive your brother before you go to sleep? Remember, the Bible says, ‘Do not let the sun go down on your wrath’” (Ephesians 4:26). The little boy looked perplexed. He thought for a few moments and then blurted out, “But how can I keep the sun from going down?”

This does happen in our daily lives. We get angry and we hold grudges. When we are confronted with our unforgiving attitude and urged to make things right, because of pride, we refuse to heed the clear instruction of the Scripture. While it is true that we cannot change another person’s heart, we are responsible for our own attitude. The Bible says, “*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you*” (Ephesians 4:32).

This reminds us of the famous last words of Jesus Christ --- in His supreme act of love . . .

*“Father forgive them for they know not what they do”.*

God Bless,

Bro. Ric & Sis. Teri Gutierrez

Other Feast Days Celebrated for the months of January & February

**JANUARY**

Jan. 20 – Sts. Fabian and Sebastian  
 Jan. 21 – St. Agnes  
 Jan. 22 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time  
 Jan. 24 – St. Francis de Sales  
 Jan. 25 – St. The Conversion of St Paul  
 Jan. 26 – Sts. Timothy and Titus  
 Jan. 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas  
 Jan. 29 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time  
 Jan. 31 – St. John Bosco

**FEBRUARY**

Feb. 02 – The Presentation of the Lord  
 Feb. 03 – Sts. Blaise and Ansgar  
 Feb. 03 – First Friday – Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**FEBRUARY**

Feb. 04 – First Saturday – Devotion to Our Lady  
 Feb. 05 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time  
 Feb. 06 – St. Paul Miki and his companions  
 Feb. 08 – Sts. Jerome Emilliani and Josephine Bakhita  
 Feb. 10 – St. Scholastica  
 Feb. 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes  
 Feb. 12 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time  
 Feb. 14 – Sts. Cyril and Methodius  
 Feb. 19 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time  
 Feb. 21 – St. Peter Damian  
 Feb. 22 – The Chair of St. Peter  
 Feb. 23 – St. Polycarp  
 Feb. 26 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

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## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Jan. 21 (Sat) – 2:30 p.m. – Holy Rosary, Devotion to the  
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy/Prayer Meeting  
4:00 p.m. MASS (Anticipated Sunday Mass)  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. DAUGHTERS OF THE KING VIGIL

Jan. 28 (Sat) – 2:30 p.m. – Holy Rosary, Devotion to the  
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy/Prayer Meeting  
4:00 p.m. MASS (Anticipated Sunday Mass)

**Jan. 29 (Sun) - 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.**  
**FCCCPC General Assembly**  
**ST. MONICA CHURCH**  
44 Broadway Avenue, Toronto  
(East of Yonge Street, 2 blocks North of Eglinton)

Feb. 4 (Sat) – 11:00 COE MEETING  
2:30 p.m. – Holy Rosary, Devotion to the  
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy/Prayer Meeting  
4:00 p.m. MASS (Anticipated Sunday Mass)  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. COMMUNITY VIGIL

Feb. 11 (Sat) – 9:00 a.m. ATCR General Meeting  
2671 Islington Ave., Toronto  
11:00 a.m. Apostles Meeting  
2:30 p.m. – Holy Rosary, Devotion to the  
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy/Prayer Meeting  
4:00 p.m. MASS (Anticipated Sunday Mass)

### VALETINE'S DINNER AND DANCE

WHEN: FEBRUARY 11, 2006

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

VENUE: ST. MARK CHURCH HALL

277 Park Lawn Road, Etobicoke

Ticket: \$20.00

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Feb. 18 (Sat) - 2:30 p.m. – Holy Rosary, Devotion to the  
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy/Prayer Meeting  
4:00 p.m. MASS (Anticipated Sunday  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. DAUGHTERS OF THE KING VIGIL

Feb. 25 – 2:30 p.m. – Holy Rosary, Devotion to the  
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy/Prayer Meeting  
4:00 p.m. MASS (Anticipated Sunday

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