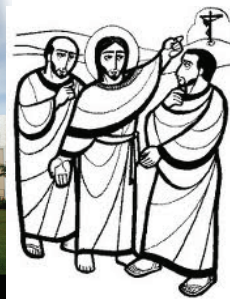


The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

-Mahatma Gandhi



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29th Sunday Ordinary Time

Real Authority Comes from God

Fr. Elizalde Sapián

Sunday Gospel

Mk 10:35-45

Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptised, you will be baptised; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognise as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'



In our gospel, the brothers James and John, bitter by ambition are sanguine enough to ask Jesus for position of power. The other ten disciples, who became indignant at the two brothers, let their hidden ambition show as well. They see Jesus as a Messiah with a political agenda. They itch to lay their hands on the coveted positions they see the Jewish and Roman officials enjoy.

In response, Jesus teaches us – what the marks of a true leader are. Unlike pagan

leaders who Lord it over their subjects, a leader after the manner of the Lord must be a servant of all. A leader must seek not to be served but to serve the people even at the cost of one's life. This is the "cup" that the leader must drink, the "baptism" with which we must be baptized after the example of Jesus who gave his life as a ransom for all.

This lesson must not be lost as we embrace mission in life. Many people especially here in Asia perceived Jesus as "foreign" to them, even a "threat". And yet, if the gospel is preached in its purity, people will know that Jesus is the "greatest Gift" of God. Pope John Paul II remind us: In Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, we come to know that God is not distant, above and apart from us, but is very near, indeed united to every person and all humanity in all life's situation. This is the message which Christianity of life to the world and it is a source of incomparable comfort and hope for all believers."

DAILY READINGS

Oct 21 Sun:	Is 53:10-11/ Heb 4:14-16/ Mk 10:35-45
Oct. 22 Mon:	Eph 2:1-10/ Lk 12:13-21
Oct. 23 Tues:	Eph 2:12-22/ Lk 12:35-38
Oct 24 Wed	Eph 3:2-12/ Lk 12:39-48
Oct. 25 Thur:	Eph 3:14-21/ Lk 12:49-53
Oct. 26 Fri:	Eph 4:1-6/ Lk 12:54-59
Oct. 27 Sat:	Eph 4:7-16/ Lk 13:1-9

Today is World Mission Sunday (Oct. 21, 2012)

World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world" - Pope John Paul II (Redemptoris Missio 81).

" whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant"

FEATURED SAINT OF THE WEEK

San Pedro Calungsod, 2nd Filipino Saint

Canonization: October 21, 2012



Blessed Pedro Calungsod was a 17-year old Roman Catholic Filipino martyr who was killed while doing missionary work in Guam in 1672. He was beatified on March 5, 2000, by Pope John Paul II. A skilled Sacristan and teacher of Catechism, he was a companion of Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores to the Marianas Islands. Calungsod's persecution and Christian martyrdom is also called *In Odium Fidei* or *In Hatred of the Faith*. Through their

missionary efforts, many catechumens converted to the Roman Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism.

A plot to murder Calungsod and San Vitores started when a certain Choco, a Chinese who gained influence over the natives of Marianas Island, circulated false accusations that the missionaries were spreading poison through the ritual of the pouring of water (i.e. baptism), and through the ritual of Catholic Mass. Calungsod and Diego San Vitores were both caught and murdered after baptizing an infant girl and mother who converted to the Roman Catholic faith. Because of his association with the Chamorro natives of Guam, he is often portrayed with a Crucifix, Catechist book, and a Palm leaf.

Beatification of Pedro Calungsod

Blessed Pope John Paul II beatified both Father Diego Luis de San Vitores (October 6, 1985) and Pedro Calungsod (March 5, 2000) at Saint Peter's Square in Rome. Calungsod's first alleged miracle was the healing of a man with bone cancer, which paved the way of his beatification along with other 43 individuals who were declared Servants of God. Regarding Calungsod's charitable works and virtuous deeds, Pope John Paul II declared:

"...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 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."

Canonization of Blessed Pedro Calungsod

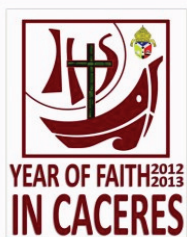
While the miracle for Calungsod's sainthood has been signed by the Pope and approved by the Holy See, Filipino Catholics are awaiting for Pope Benedict XVI to recite the official Latin formula in Rome, which will declare Calungsod a Saint. In 19 December 2011, the Holy See officially approved the miracle of Pedro Calungsod as a Saint for the Roman Catholic Church. The authorized miracle was dated from 2002, where a woman who was clinically pronounced dead by accredited physicians for two hours after a coronary heart attack was allegedly brought back to life through the intercession of Pedro Calungsod.

Presided by Cardinal Angelo Amato on behalf of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, Amato revealed that Pope Benedict XVI approved and signed the official promulgation decrees recognizing the miracles for the Pope to declare the Latin formula of canonization, after a formal consistory is completed with the cardinals present in Rome.

After Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, Calungsod will be the second Filipino martyr declared Saint by the Roman Catholic Church. Though celebrated every 2nd of April, an official date for Calungsod's feast day is yet to be appointed by the Roman Curia.

Source: Wikipedia

CATECHESIS



What is the significance of Nicene Creed?

The **Nicene Creed** (Latin: *Symbolum Nicaenum*) is the creed or profession of faith (Greek: *Σύμβολον τῆς Πίστεως*) that is most widely used in Christian liturgy. It is called Nicene because, in its original form, it was adopted in the city of Nicaea (İznik in what is now Turkey) by the first ecumenical council, which met there in the year 325.

The Nicene Creed has been normative for the Anglican Church, the Church of the East, the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Oriental Orthodox churches, the Roman Catholic Church including the Eastern Catholic Churches, the Old Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church and many Protestant denominations, forming the eponymous mainstream definition of Christianity itself in Nicene Christianity.

The **Apostles' Creed**, which in its present form is later, is also broadly accepted in the West, but is not used in the East. One or other of these two creeds is recited in the Roman Rite Mass directly after the homily on all Sundays and Solemnities (Tridentine Feasts of the First Class). In the Byzantine Rite Liturgy, the Nicene Creed is recited on all occasions, following the Litany of Supplication.

Renewal of Faith in Europe

Pope Benedict XVI granted a rare interview to the creators of a documentary in which he said that he is “convinced” that “there will also be a new springtime for Christianity” in Europe.

The bishops, experts and observers at the synod on the New Evangelization were treated to a screening of the new documentary at the Oct. 15 afternoon session.

“The desire for God...is profoundly inscribed into each human soul and cannot disappear. Certainly we can forget God for a time ... but God never disappears,” Pope Benedict said on screen, though he was not in the audience. “This restlessness ... is an expression of the hope that man may, ever and anew ... start to journey towards this God.”



friends.”

It includes reflections and daily updates from Catholic bloggers and writers. For more info visit: www.myyearoffaith.org.

Year of Faith Phone Applications

The beginning of the Catholic Church’s Year of Faith comes at a time when several dioceses have released smart phone apps to inform Catholics and help them live out their faith.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend released its “My Year of Faith” app for iPhone and Android systems on Oct. 11, the first day of the year called by Pope Benedict XVI. The app’s customizable features aim to deepen users’ understanding of the Catholic faith, increase their prayer life, and motivate them to share their faith with

Archdiocesan News

World Mission Sunday in Caceres

The World Mission Sunday Celebration in the Archdiocese of Caceres will be on October 21, 2012 (Sunday).

The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, exhorts us to highlight in all masses during the World Mission Sunday the theme for the New Evangelization which purposely is also the theme for the Year of Faith: “Called to radiate the Word of Truth” (Apostolic Letter Porta Fidei, n.6). In fact, the Pope points out that “this year the celebration of World Mission Day has a very special meaning. The 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Second Vatican Council and of the opening of the Year of Faith and of the Synod of Bishops on the theme of the New Evangelization.

The Year of Faith Mission Launching and Parish Mission Team Congress was held last October 6, 2012 at the Holy Cross Parish, Nabua, Camarines Sur.



Catechesis on the New Archbishop’s Installations

Starting next Sunday, the Caceres Catechetical Ministry will give a 3 minute catechesis in all masses on the upcoming installation of the new archbishop of Caceres, Most. Rev. Rolando Tirona, OCD, DD.

The Catechesis is divided into three parts. The first part explains the nature of the office of a Bishop, the second part will deal with the liturgical symbols found in the vestments of the Bishop. And the last will be a short biographical notes of Archbishop Tirona, OCD.

Basilica News

Triduum for the Dead



Just as we love and respect our living brethren, so do we love and respect those of our brethren who have departed this life. We express our love for our departed friends and relatives through prayer. Two special feasts are celebrated by Catholics to give honor to

those who have gone ahead of us.

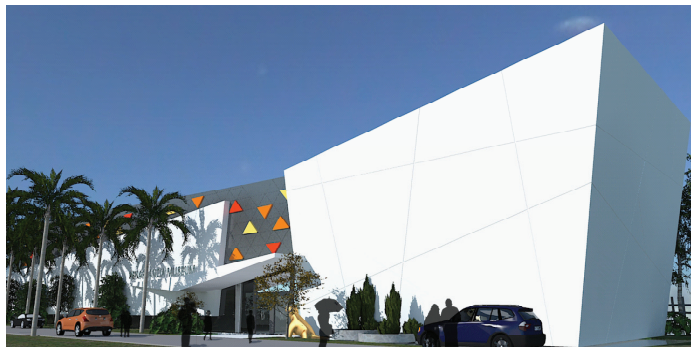
In time of the All Saints and All Souls Days, the Basilica will hold a Triduum of Masses in honor of our beloved dead. The masses will be offered from Oct 31 - Nov.2. The faithful are encouraged to submit the names of their beloved dead so that as one community, we can pray for their souls.

Exhibit of PYP: A Success



The Penafrancia Young Professionals and Penafrancia Camera Club once again held last Oct. 12-14 a photo exhibit at SM City with the title Images of Faith

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