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From Father Joey

I would like to start by thanking everybody for the successful celebration of our 25th anniversary. Thank you for participating in our daily Eucharistic celebration and attending the programs afterward. Thank you for sharing your time, efforts and resources; it really made our celebration not only memorable but also meaningful. I thank God for all that happened.

I feel very much honored to be part of the community, having serving almost half of the 25 (or is it 30) years of its existence. I did not expect many of the things that happened during the actual week-long celebrations, but they were made possible because of the many wonderful, committed and dedicated members of our community. There are so many of you (and you know who you are) who selflessly worked hard to make sure that the celebrations would turn out well. And they did, praise the Lord!

I have had a chance to thank some of you personally, but to those with whom I have not had the chance to meet or speak: thank you very much, maraming salamat, vergelt's Gott! I deeply and sincerely appreciate the generosity, concern and love that you show and give to the community. May the Lord make us more committed to grow deeper in our faith as we continue our journey.



Perhaps, this is also my opportunity to inform everyone about my coming sabbatical. I will be leaving the community temporarily for a few months to undertake a spiritual renewal and to recharge my batteries. I hope to return - full of vigor and enthusiasm - to a deeper and more meaningful service in the Lord's vineyard. Let us continue to pray for each other.

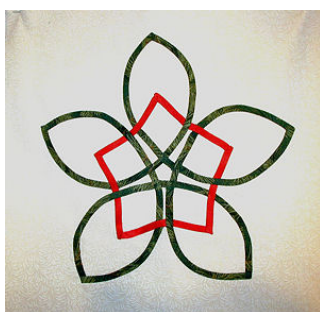
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Christmas message

Our dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Christmas is in the air again. The Lord, in His goodness, has gifted us with another Christmas, a wonderful opportunity to reflect on His love in our lives and the many ways He showers graces upon us everyday. Every Christmas helps us put our life in perspective, reminding us that all that we are and all that we have are truly gifts from God, which we, in turn, must develop and share with others for the good of all. After all, at Christmas we remember God's greatest gift to mankind - Jesus Christ, the Emmanuel - and our hearts can ill afford not to be thankful for it.



As we celebrate Christmas 2008, we are very conscious of the fact that many of our brothers and sisters - especially in our own country - are living through uncertain, even difficult and challenging times. More than ever, we need to reflect on the message of the angel to the shepherds on that first Christmas: "Do not be afraid. I have come to bring you tidings of great joy to be shared by all the people." Let this Good News move us to practice the true spirit of Christmas - the spirit of GIVING rather

than mere receiving. The ordinary deeds of love offered for the benefit of others may not seem to matter much, but still are most precious in the eyes of God. Few have the capacity to give big but the little that we have, which we regard as nothing special, counts for much. As one Bishop said, "No one is so poor as to have nothing to give, and no one is so rich as to have nothing to receive."

As it can bring out the best in us, Christmas can also bring out the worst in us: such traits as selfishness or greediness. We pray this Christmas that we will be more sensitive and generous, forgetting ourselves and focusing on being instruments of Christ's light for our world overshadowed with darkness and apathy. May our lives and our words proclaim a witness of hope and joy this Christmas and throughout the coming 2009.

Henceforth as a Filipino chaplaincy here in Vienna, Austria, let us continue thanking the Lord Jesus, the Word made flesh, born in a manger, for guiding us together once more, for making us feel that we are one family, one community and, indeed, one Church.

A blessed Christmas and may God's grace be with you all this coming New Year (2009).

Your Chaplains

“Gabay sa Paglalakbay” – Messages from the Clergy



In their respective addresses to the Community, Cardinal Rosales and Bishop Tagle underscored the vital importance of **unity in the community** as a basic Christian responsibility in the setting of our life in Vienna. Cardinal Rosales celebrated the closing mass of the 25th Anniversary celebrations on Sunday 28 September, and Bishop Tagle gave a well-attended talk on “Exodus – Our migration under the guidance of God” on 23 Sept.



Message from Amb. Linglingay F. Lacanlale on the occasion of the Chaplaincy’s 25th Anniversary Celebrations, 21-28 Sept.

Congratulations on the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Filipino Catholic Chaplaincy!

The story of the Filipino Catholic Chaplaincy is the story of the Filipino migrant in Vienna. It is one and the same story, because wherever the Filipinos go, we bring with us our faith.

Much has been said this week about the journey of the Chaplaincy — its growth in strength and in numbers. The reflections of the community this week delved not only on celebrating this journey, but on looking forward with hope and a deeper sense of mission.

After 25 years, we collectively look back and realize that our purpose has indeed gone beyond earning money and seeking to provide for our fami-

lies in the Philippines. You have settled here, and you have adopted a new home, a new country. You are part of Austria now and today, you have probably voted already, if not planning to cast your ballots later in the day, for the national elections.

Throughout these years, you may have outgrown some habits or ways of thinking acquired in the Philippines and you may have kept some of them. The strong and thriving Filipino Catholic Chaplaincy in Vienna proves that you have kept, honored and nourished, the most fundamental Filipino values – *ang pagmamahal sa kapwa at pananalig sa Diyos*. This is an extremely good thing and, with your presence, you bring blessings of faith and goodwill to your host communities and your host country.

It is also important to reflect at this time on our individual journeys as Christians, as Catholics and as Filipinos and whether we are manifesting in our lives, in our behaviour, in our thoughts and our ways, the true qualities of Christians and the message we bring to the world. It is a blessing that we have during this period of celebration the pastoral

guidance of our Cardinal Rosales, two of our Bishops and priests to inspire and help us as we make this reflection. It is said that the “present migration of people across the world is the greatest human movement of all time.” It also said that the migrant communities have become the biggest force for evangelization. Thus, the influence of migrants like Filipinos contributes to how their hosts – Europe in our case – is perceiving, redefining and appreciating Christianity in modern times. Migrants are part of God’s plan to make Himself present and to reach all corners of the earth. It is a most profound mission.

The ways of God are wonderful indeed. Four hundred years ago, the Europeans came to the Philippine archipelago to introduce Christianity to our people. Now, it is the Filipinos’ turn to share with Europeans our faith, and to sustain and strengthen theirs, because it is, after all, about One people having faith in One God.

Muli, binabati ko kayo ng isang maligayang pagdiriwang. Maraming salamat po!



Pilgrim's Path - Turkish Delights

15 Pilgrims accompanied by Fr. Ely and Fr. Jojo re-traced the paths trod by the apostles, especially St. John and St. Paul, and showered by the blood of the early martyrs as they visited the Seven Churches mentioned by St. John in the Book of Revelation: Ephesus, Smyrna, Laodicea, Thyatira, Sardes, Philadelphia and Pergamon. Practically what remains in most of the places visited are ruins, but nevertheless, it was truly an opportunity for everyone to realize how Christianity started to spread from Jerusalem into what was formerly Asia Minor.

The last two days of the pilgrimage were spent in Istanbul, once the capital of Turkey. Most of the Christian structures there have since been transformed into Muslim buildings. It was exhilarating, however, to be visiting the very place which was once the capital of Constantine's Byzantine Christian Empire but also the place which became the root of the Great Schism of the Church, when Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox separated.

Sayang!, everyone thought at the end of the pilgrimage.

What a waste that the Christian faith was lost there almost completely! But indeed it also shows that the faith continued on and flourished in other places... a reality that truly testifies that the Church will last until the end of time as promised by the Lord.



REGULAR FEATURE

Mommy's Thoughts



Dear Anna,

Tomorrow is your birthday and in a month's time, it will be Christmas. Being one of God's blessed children, I'm sure you will have lots of gifts and well wishes from the many people who love you. Daddy and I find it difficult sometimes to compete with their generosity.

Indeed, after all those sleepless nights watching over you when you were sick, praying ceaselessly for your protection and striving hard to ensure your bright future, what could a mother still wish for her child?

As a child I was also blessed, because I had all of that from my parents. There was no material abundance but I was showered with attention and love. I only had one birthday party, when I turned twelve, and my classmates had their fill

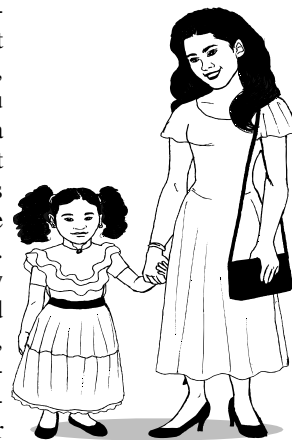
of *sopas at puto*, no balloons, no games, no cake, no candles to blow. But every birthday was a special treat. I went to Mass, got a balloon, which unfortunately almost always flew too soon to heaven, sometimes there would even be a gift – an umbrella or a pair of shoes or slippers, depending upon the need and budget. But best of all, for those couple of hours, I had Tatay or Nanay all to myself!

But you also have my undivided attention, sometimes too much; I have to check myself or else I'll smother you. However, kept within the confines of our small home, what else is there to do? My child, I'm sorry, but I cannot let you have the freedom I enjoyed as a child. Civilization has pushed it into extinction. The dangers lurking behind every corner are just too real and too big to risk. You will probably never know the joy of playing *patintero* and *tumbang preso* on the street, hide-and-seek until dark, catching tadpoles after school or collecting shells along the river bank. I would never allow you to roam the streets on December evenings to go carolling with your friends.

What I truly wish for you are friends, good friends. I pray that God will also give you – like me – good friends who

will accompany you on your life's journey. You now have Barbara and Siobhan, the main characters of the stories you tell after school. I too had my friends. They are all a part of my life, each one having contributed to what I am today.

Dear child, you have just started your life's journey, you will meet people and hopefully, develop many true friendships. I pray you'll allow us to guide you in choosing and keeping them. You have the makings of being a good friend, though. Asked why you no longer want peanut butter in your sandwich, you said it's because Siobhan only likes Nutella. Now, I know why you are very hungry when you come home from school. Tomorrow, I'll make two sandwiches: one for you and one for Siobhan. I am proud of you.



Love,
Mommy

p.s. Do you think Siobhan will like a jar of Nutella for Christmas?

Christmas countdown to welcome the Saviour

by Nel Santayana

JESUS is the reason for this blessed and joyous season. In the midst of merry-making and shopping frenzy, may I also prepare my soul for your coming, Lord.



Dec. 15	Sacrifice	<i>Abstain from your favorite activity and use 15 minutes of the time saved for prayers.</i>
Dec. 16	Kindness	<i>Help someone in any way.</i>
Dec. 17	Fasting	<i>For smokers: don't smoke today. For others: don't eat rice today, or, skip your favorite daily food/drink today.</i>
Dec. 18	Charity	<i>Give any amount to charity or gift someone with the one thing he/she desperately needs but cannot afford.</i>
Dec. 19	Cleansing	<i>Go to confession, or spend 15 minutes in the Adoration chapel</i>
Dec. 20	Family	<i>Be with your family today. Tip: Go with your family to the Christkindlmarkt.</i>
Dec. 21	Generosity	<i>Double the amount you will give to the church collection.</i>
Dec. 22	Meekness	<i>Do not get angry today.</i>
Dec. 23	Humility	<i>Eat-your-pride day, reconcile with someone who has hurt your feelings.</i>
Dec. 24	Adoration	<i>Use this day to bring honor and glory to Jesus' name. Proclaim His majesty in praise and worship.</i>
Dec. 25 Christmas Day	Holiness	<i>Parents, after your kids open their gifts, emphasize to them that it is not Santa Claus who is the most important character today but Baby Jesus. Tell them the reason for this blessed season by reading the Christmas story from the Bible. Luke 2:1-20</i>

Choose a Bible verse to serve as your guide and inspiration for next year. **Memorize it and live by it.**
MERRY CHRISTMAS to all!

1 Corinthians 13 – A Christmas Version

If I decorate my house perfectly with beautiful *parols*, strands of twinkling lights *na kumakanta pa* and shiny glass balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking loads of *budin* (cassava cake), preparing gourmet dishes and arranging a beautifully adorned table for the *Noche Buena*, but do not show love to others, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but cannot love and forgive my enemy, I gain nothing.

If I trim the Christmas tree with shimmering angels and put up life-size Santa Clauses, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir but do not focus on Jesus the Child, I have totally missed the point.

If I give expensive gifts to my *inaanaks*, dress up to the hilt, display the hand-carved priceless *Belen* figurines, but do not love the poor, I'm just extravagant.

Love stops the cooking to hug Cacay, the *unica hija*. Love sets the decorating aside to kiss Rene, my *asawa*.

Love is kind, even when one is harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens, with crispy *lechon* as a centerpiece.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. Playstation games will break, pearl necklaces will get mislaid, golf clubs will rust, but the gift of love will endure and last forever.

And the best part is: when you give love, it all comes back to you.

(Revised by Nel Santayana, original source: Internet)



Ano ba ang Pasko?

Jun Rico

Simula pa pagkabata at sa mura kong isipan
Kalakip na itong saya kapag Pasko ay dadaan
Ngunit laging nagtatanong, mayroong di maunawaan
Ano nga ba ang dahilan, bakit tayo nagdiriwang

Ang sabi nga ng lola ko, ito'y araw ng bigayan
Ito rin daw ang siyang araw, tayo'y dapat magmahalan
Kung ikaw ay may kagalit, araw din ng patawaran
At kung ikaw nama'y bata, araw din ng halakhakan

Nguni't bakit salat pa rin sa tunay na kahulugan
Naghahanap itong puso, mas malalim na dahilan
Bakit mayroon pa ring giyera sa kabila ng mahalanan
Bakit mayroong naghihirap, sa kabila ng tulungan

Kung titingnan mo ang parol na nagsabit sa lansangan
Mga pamaskong awitin at ilaw na kumikinang
Ay tila ba nagbabadya ng ligayang anong inam
Nagbabalik sa gunita noong ating kabataan

Ang pasko ay siyang sagisag ng pag-ibig ng may
Lalang
Kaya bugtong niyang Anak sa lupa ay isinilang
Kung ang dati nating mundo ay balot sa kadiliman
Ngayo'y mayroon ng liwanag na kay tagal na inasam

Kaya mahal nating Aklat, iisa ang nilalaman
Kahulugan ay pag-ibig ng Diyos sa sanlibutan
Pag-ibig din ang siyang ugat,
lumagot sa kasalanan
Na kaytagal na minana sa kay
Eva at kay Adan

Kaya naman ang gusto Niya na
mangyari sa balana
Pag-ibig ang siyang maghari at
isukli sa Lumikha
Kapag ito ay nangyari, tiyak
Diyos ay matutuwa
At atin ng masasabing, pasko natin ay dakila

Kung ikaw mayroong piso, katumbas na ng sanlibo
Kung ito ay ibibigay, buong puso at totoo
Magbigay man ng sanlibo, katumbas ay 'sang sentimo
Kung hangad lang ay kapalit at pag-ibig wala sa 'yo

Mga aba nating kapwa di ba't sila'ng dapat bigyan
Mga tao na may sakit at palaboy sa lansangan
Ang katawan mo may pagod at an pera'y maubos man
Tunay naman ang ligaya, na sa puso'y kumikinang

Kaya naman hangarin ko at dalangin sa may Lalang
Tunay na diwa ng pasko ay madama ng lubusan
Ipadama ang pag-ibig sa Diyos at sanlibutan



Nehme Dir nicht zu viel vor

Christian Abila

Nehme Dir nicht zu viel vor. Lass Dir Zeit.

Denke zuerst nach, was wichtig ist zu tun. Auf dem Weg zum Ziel können sich neue Interessen bilden, die dazu verführen sie nachzugehen. Man muss aufpassen und nicht vom Weg abkommen. Das Ziel sollte immer mitgenommen werden, es sollte einem immer vor den Augen gehalten werden.



‘Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’

(Matthew 25:40)

ANG ARAW NG PASKO

Adelo A. Agbon

Ang araw ng Pasko ay Dakilang Araw
Di dapat limutin ng sangkatauhan;
Sa araw na ito, Diyos Anak Sumilang,
At naging simbulo ng pagmamahalan.

Pagkasilang sa Iyo, Panginoong Hesus
Halimbawa Ka ng kababaang loob;
Ang lahat ng tao Ikaw ang sinunod
Pawang kabutihan ang siyang nagbunsod.

Dahil nga sa Iyong pag-ibig sa tao
Di Ka nagkakait kahit na kanino;
Nagkakasala man pinatatawad Mo
At ang pagsisisi ang isinasamo.

Ngunit itong tao ay di nasiyahan
Ginawang mabuti agad nalimutan
Kanilang hinarap pawang kasalanan
Nagbulid sa Kaniya sa kapahamakan.

Dahil sa nangyari, Diyos Anak nalungkot
Hindi akalaing tao ay marupok;
Ang Kanyang ginawa sila ay tinubos
Ang Anak ng Diyos, ipinako sa Krus.

To a Father, from his Daughter

I want to celebrate the Father figure. I believe fathers often miss out on praise and acknowledgement, and perhaps this is the reason there are so many who gave up and left. My heart is always touched when I see the glee in a little girl's face when she sees her dad return home from work, my heart melts when a boy looks up at his dad looking for approval for a job well-done.

I have been asked by people to talk about love and relationships and I know it'll be an interesting topic, however I know that I need to capture one angle before I can move to that subject. You cannot talk about men without talking about Fathers, and my colorful love life is a definite reflection of my relationship with my father.

Where do I start? My dad and I have had a challenging relationship. I recall tender moments with my father when I was very young. I remember him brushing my hair, I remember that 70's moustache that would chafe my baby skin when he kissed my cheek, I remember waiting for him to return home from work late at night in the dark. I remember being taken with him to the carwash: I would eat my ice-cream inside the car while he cleaned the outside.

Then my brother came along and the focus shifted from me to the little runt, whom I now adore by the way. I believe part of the change in my relationship with my dad came about because he could relate to my brother more – it's a guy thing. And, unfortunately, the shift in the relationship also came when my parents started to experience problems in their marriage. My mom started talking more and my dad started talking less, I heard only one voice at that time and the wall started being built.

Although my dad was present, he was nevertheless distant. He was such a figure of authority, more of a dictator, to be precise. For years I resented him for not being the hero he should have been to me. I feared him for his temperament, I was infuriated over his lack of ability to compromise, I abhorred his womanising ways, I was ashamed of his arrogance.

I read recently that if your biological father is not available to you, there is always the Heavenly Father to turn to. No matter how great and reassuring this can be, I still need my earthly father. Over the years I struggled with his confusing presence because I needed my dad to be a man and he was still behaving like a child. I needed him to be the example of a man that I wanted to find and spend my life with. I needed him to demonstrate to me how a man should cherish, value and adore me. I looked for my father in other avenues... but I have met only a few examples of what I consider to be a good man. I saw many drunken uncles, I witnessed a number of manly brawls, I observed womanising men, I found a lot of men like my father but I couldn't find my hero.

I looked for my hero in my male friends, in my boyfriends, I

even looked for my hero in my friends' fathers but they can't fill the void. So I recently realised I will not find my husband until I sort out my issues with my dad. I have read books, prayed and did a lot of soul-searching to find my peace with my father. It was only through endless hours of conversation with my God's Gift that I am seeing things differently. "At least he was there." "At least he cared even if you don't see it that way."

Through these conversations I was able to start seeing things a little more objectively. My dad was there, albeit not at times when it really mattered to me or in ways I wanted to see, and he is still there now. My anger and resentment blinded me to his efforts. I punished him for his shortcomings by shutting him out, he didn't come in the shape of superman so I didn't give him the chance to prove himself. I didn't take time to see his side of the story. I failed him as a daughter. I failed to love him unconditionally, I failed to admire him for his efforts, I failed to be thankful.

...there is always the heavenly Father to turn to.....

Things are changing between us slowly. I realise that while my dad wasn't there to watch my basketball games or give me advice for my 'boy problems', there are things that I might still be able to share with him to make up for the years lost between us. I can now have a light conversation about my dating experiences, I can now have a jovial banter with him and tease him for his quirks and odd habits, although I have to admit it still hurts when he makes fun of me as I still seek to be his perfect princess.

In return for the challenged relationship between my father and myself, I hope that my own children will benefit from and experience my dad in the way I wish I had; that they

have a very caring and attentive grandfather who will lavish time and praise on them, whom they will adore and look towards as a hero instead of with anger and fear. But what I look forward to the most is the day my father will walk me down the aisle because that is a defining father role that no man could ever fill. It fills my soul with peace because this was a role I was going to deny him as a result of unresolved



anger and reluctance to forgive.

I believe, in wanting to know more about the male psyche, in preparing for my husband, I have learned a lot about men, the pressures and expectations they juggle, their egos, their fears and shortcomings. I have also learned a lot about my father, and this has been a light at the end of the dark tunnel that I travelled with him. I am finally finding peace. So, Father, here's a thank you for our second chance.

Meggie

Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life: REJOICE IN THE LORD!

2008 is a year of highlights for Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life (CFC FFL) as we have delved more deeply into the things we really stand up for. It is the year of being: being who we really are, and striving to be the people God has called us to be. Our year has been marked not only with events or activities but by responding faithfully to our covenant as CFC FFL and remaining true to our 7 Core Values.

We are **CENTERED ON CHRIST**. In everything that we do and have done this year, we have put Jesus at the center of our personal lives and of the community.

We are **EVANGELISTIC** and **MISSIONARY**. We have brought many lives and

ples, Handmaids and Servants. Back to back with that was the World Kids Congress for CFC KFL Europe (August 22-24).

In **LIVING A PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR**, we have helped a lot of our poor brethren in the Philippines through scholarship programs and through our CFC FFL Work with the Poor.

In being true to our Core Value of **EXERCISING SERVANT LEADERSHIP**, our leaders as well as members have gone out in an unprecedented number of mission trips in Austria which led to the establishment of CFC FFL in all the Austrian provinces, as well in other countries.

...the Lord calls us to **TRUST** in Him more.....

families closer to the Lord.

We are **FOCUSED** on the **FAMILY**. Not only is this very evident in our various Family Ministries but even more so in our different involvements. We participated in the *Familienwallfahrt* headed by Bishop Scharl on May 19. We were also present in the Austrian Family Network Rally led by Cardinal Schönborn in September. We have educated our members about the Reproductive Health Bill 5043, with Bishop Arigo giving the teaching.

In addition to our regular meetings and teachings and to enhance our **BEING COMMUNITY**, we had our annual Family Day in August just before we hosted the 11th European Conference for Cou-

And for **BEING A SERVANT TO THE CHURCH**, we have actively supported the Catholic Church in Vienna through participation in events of the Archdiocese of Vienna as well as those of the Filipino Catholic Community.

We have also been faithful to our **BEING CATHOLIC** as we continued with our Catechetical Teachings given by different guest priests.

For 2008, God gave us **JOY** as a theme (Zeph 3:17) and truly there were a lot of things to celebrate and be joyful about. Our Lord has truly blessed us and we look forward to 2009 as the Lord calls us to **TRUST** in Him more (Isaiah 12:2). Praise God!

Couples for Christ

When the Filipino Catholic Community (FCC) celebrated its 25th anniversary last September, Couples for Christ (CFC) – Vienna together with the other organizations were fully engaged in the celebration. The singles (SFC) and youth (YFC) organized the activity for the younger members of the community of the week long celebration. Upon the request of Bro. George Florendo, the creative team of CFC - Vienna amenable coordinated the program to honor the past & present FCC pastors, to the pleasure of the many guests that stayed until late in the evening. Members of Couples for Christ (CFC) were encouraged to contribute in whatever capacity to lighten the many tasks during 25th year celebration, as a conclusive commitment of Couples for Christ (CFC) to the Filipino Catholic Community (FCC). Indeed, it was a memorable anniversary for everyone and an excellent occasion for us to work hand in hand with the other groups in the Filipino Catholic Community.

This Advent, we anticipate with great enthusiasm the activities of the community most especially the “Simbang Gabi” and the Eucharistic celebrations that will feature the Couples for Christ - Choir with their vibrant songs of worship will surely add fervor to the season. In the same way, we strive to fulfill Couples for Christ’s irrevocable responsibility to be in full communion with the Universal Church as we actively pursue our global mission to build the “Church of the Home” and the “Church of the Poor”.

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Simbang Gabi Theme

A Holy Family Builds a Holy Community

- 16 Dec. A family is called to be a witness
- 17 Dec. Accepting and embracing our family
- 18 Dec. Fathers as new Josephs
- 19 Dec. A family is at the service of God & others
- 20 Dec. A family and the call to commitment
- 21 Dec. Family and following God’s will
- 22 Dec. A family is called to be prayerful
- 23 Dec. A family is called to be grateful
- 24 Dec. A family is called to be hopeful
- 25 Dec. Emmanuel, God is with us,
God is with the family

What’s on in 2009

- January 18 – Sto. Niño celebration
- February 21-28 – Pilgrimage to Israel
- February 25 – Ash Wednesday
- April 4 – Lenten Recollection
- April 5 – Palm Sunday
- April 9 – Holy Thursday, Way of the Cross
- April 10 – Good Friday, Way of the Cross
- April 11 – Easter Vigil
- April 12 – Easter Sunday, Community Day
- April 19 – First Holy Communion
- May 31 – Pentecost Sunday, Confirmation

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<i>Date, Service, details</i>	<i>Maria vom Berge Karmel</i>	<i>Donau-city Church</i>
15-23 Dec. – Simbang Gabi	19:00h	19:00h
24 Dec – Christmas Eve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enthronement of the Child Jesus on the manger, and Adoration • Blessing of the children • Kissing of the Child Jesus 	19:30h	21:00h
25 Dec. – Christmas Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blessing of the children • Kissing of the Child Jesus 	11:00h	none
28 Dec. – Feast of the Holy Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blessing of families 	11:00h	17:00h
31 Dec. – Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary	19:30h	21:00h
1 Jan – Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary	11:00h	none

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