



Dear friends,

After excitement of Easter and the feast days of Pentecost, Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi in June we celebrate "the mystery of Christ in all its aspects" in Ordinary Time.

(General Norms of the Liturgical Year & the Calendar, 43)

Ordinary Time is marked by our routine and "ordinariness". But I am somewhat relieved by life going back to normal; for without it festivities and holidays will not be anticipated and savoured with so much enjoyment.

Ordinary Time is a time for being and becoming, for growth and reflection. Do come for our talks in July - we planned them since last year and we are excited about every single one of them!

In Christ  
Susanna Huang

**BIBLE SUNDAY - 8 JULY**

The theme for this year is, "Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves". (Luke 10:3)

The Biblical Apostolate has come up with several ideas and activities to celebrate Bible Sunday. Praying the Scriptures or using the *Lectio Divina* method, new Bible study materials for adults, youth and personal study will be introduced. More details are available from your parish.



**COURSES IN JULY - REGISTER NOW!**

• **Leadership & Ministry**  
- 2 Days Singapore Pastoral Institute  
Sat & Sun 2.00 - 6.00pm Dates: July 7, 8

• **Understanding Addictions by Joachim Lee**

2 sessions  
Singapore Pastoral Institute  
Wed, 7.30 - 9.30pm  
Dates: July 11, 18



• **Kingdom & Community (Pt 1) by Fr John Fuellenbach, SVD**

4 sessions  
Singapore Pastoral Institute  
Tue - Fri, 10.00am - 4.00pm  
Dates: Jul 24, 25, 26, 27  
Cost: \$90



• **Kingdom & Community (Pt 2) by Fr John Fuellenbach, SVD**

- 4 sessions Singapore Pastoral Institute  
Mon to Thu, 10.00am - 4.00pm Dates: Jul 30, 31  
Aug 1, 2 Cost: \$90



**Nourish and Celebrate by Fr Edward Matthews**

Singapore Pastoral Institute,  
7.45-9.45pm  
Tues, 31 Jul & Thurs, 2 Aug  
- For Liturgy of the Word facilitators

3 Aug - on preparing Masses (including First Communion and Confirmation) with children or youth

• **Catechists' Seminar - Frs Edward Matthews & John Fuellenbach, SVD**

**DON'T MISS THIS GATHERING OF CATECHISTS (schools and parishes) and LITURGY FACILITATORS!**

Topics:

- o Kingdom & mission of catechists
- o Nourish & Celebrate

Catholic Junior College Performing Arts Centre  
Sat, 4 Aug.  
11 am - 5.30pm  
Free of charge. Lunch will be provided.

## Catechetical News

### Church of St Mary of the Angels - Catechists' Conference - *Living Stones* 22 to 24 June 2007

"...he took them with him and withdrew... where they could be by themselves." Luke 9:10



Catechists are used to running camps during June, but the catechists of St Mary's went a step further during the last weekend of the school break.

About seventy primary and secondary level catechists holed themselves up (although comfortably!) for their first Catechists' Conference at YWCA on 22 to 24 June. Friar John Paul Tan, parish priest of St Mary's initiated this weekend of self awareness, fellowship, pedagogy, prayer and recreation. With the theme "Living Stones", catechists saw themselves through workshops and talks as "living stones making a spiritual house, ...with Christ as the cornerstone." (1 Peter 2: 4-6).

Coincidentally that Sunday was also the Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist - an apt celebration of the great Herald of Good News. During the homily, Friar John Paul urged catechists to emulate John and bring *good* news to their students. In keeping with the theme every catechist took home a stone and decorated it in a way that meant something to him or her.

No gathering of catechists is complete without food and laughter and they were treated to a huge steamboat dinner (with great wine!) and a cable car ride on Saturday night. Coordinator Agatha Cheong and her team worked very hard to ensure that every need was taken care of.

Friar John Paul says that this will be the start of a yearly Catechists' Conference for St Mary's and a weekend has been marked out for 2008.