A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
FOR CCD TEACHERS – “Understanding by Design”

CCD (Continuing Catholic Development), the Catechism Ministry of the Parish of Santuario de San Antonio, resumed classes for its 2014-2015 school year last Wednesday, August 27. To set the pace and to help them prepare for and meet the challenges ahead, the CCD teachers held their annual workshop last Saturday, August 23.

As one of the most successful teachers’ workshops yet in terms of participation and attendance, this year’s Workshop was opened by Father Reu Jose C. Galoy, OFM, Parish Priest and CCD’s Spiritual Advisor. In his Invocation, Father Reu prayed for blessings on the service of teaching; and he reminded the volunteer teachers and committee members “that their work is part of Jesus’ mission.”

For the fifth consecutive year, the Workshop Facilitator was Mrs. Rita Atienza, Faculty Member of the Loyola Schools’ Education Department, Ateneo de Manila University. Mrs. Atienza was assisted by Mrs. Elizabeth Virata and Ms. Yolanda Lomotan, of the CCD Curriculum Committee.

Mrs. Virata noted that “we have several new members to our ministry, which is an encouraging indication that our CCD Ministry is strong.” And because of the new teachers and new members on the committee, it was decided that the 2014 Workshop be a refresher on “Understanding by Design” and on “Instructional Strategies.” She added that those who had attended previous UbD workshops, “will attest to how much ‘Understanding by Design’ practically overturned our approach to teaching and how the 2010 Workshop honed our skills and strategies in teaching.”

The CCD Faculty Section has been very privileged and fortunate in the teachings and instructions given by Mrs. Atienza at their annual workshops, on “Understanding by Design” – 2010: How do I design effective lesson plans? (Understanding by Design – UbD) 2011: How do I meet the needs of my students? (Differentiated Instruction) 2012: What are our non-negotiables when we teach? (Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum) 2013: Are my students learning? (Assessment)

The 2014 Workshop, on Refresher and Reviews of the subjects of the last four workshops, had sessions on effective lesson planning, differentiated instruction, a guaranteed and viable curriculum and on students’ assessment. It focused on teaching primarily to make a MEANINGFUL UNDERSTANDING and a significant TRANSFER of knowledge to students. The afternoon session included the screening of a video on how to compile a proper lesson plan and how to execute the plan. Another session stressed the importance of ensuring that one’s students are THINKERS, and how not to rob them of the challenge and the struggle to think for themselves. And in this, the students will need TIME to absorb, to analyze and to think so that they can make meaning of the questions asked and answer in their own way.

After an open discussion and an exchange of ideas and suggestions, and after a round of applause for Mrs Atienza, the Workshop closed at 4.00pm, with the teachers leaving happy in the certain knowledge that they had spent a meaningful and an enjoyable day together; and armed with teaching plans for the spiritual and religious formation of the students who will be in their care for the next twelve months.
In praxis, the gospel of Matthew 18:15-17 suggests the process: “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and tax collector.”

There are five steps recommended by Matthew: The first step is to “go and point out the fault;” the second step is to “talk personally to the person;” the third step is to “bring a witness” in the dialogue; the fourth step is to “tell the church;” and finally to “treat the person as a Gentile and tax collector.” In lieu of the experience of the pastoral agents and the Filipino cultural approach to resolving conflict, the researcher proposes modifications in relation to the steps and framework of the process. Instead of the five steps, the proposed process includes only the second and third steps: talking out the conflict personally and privately; and bringing a witness, go-between or mediator. The first step provides the space needed for the preparatory phase. The final step serves as reminder when all the efforts to achieve reconciliation are exhausted. To tell the whole community will never be helpful in the Filipino context. This is sensitive handling precisely because the conflict involves the parish priest and lay pastoral workers. They both serve as leaders of the community and have developed personal followings. Taking such a step will do more harm than good to the persons involved and the community at large.

**Go and Point Out the Fault: Self-introspection**

The first step of reconciliation is the naming of the mistake. By naming it means that the person has control over the wrong committed against another person. Naming is, in itself, a result of a silent journey within and in relation to the conflict. This instruction of Jesus to go and point out the fault appears to be an outward-looking action. But if treated side by side with Jesus’ challenge “not to judge, so that you may not be judged” (Matt 7:3-5) it will resonate with the natural inclination of the Filipino pastoral agents. Silence is a very powerful source of reconciliation. Through the person’s moment of silence -- self-reflection, self-examination, and introspection -- the conversation with the inner self is actively happening. It gives depth and breadth once reconciliation is placed on the dialogue table and prepares the individual to take the necessary demands of an authentic reconciliation. If the person goes through this process, the space to reclaim one’s being and to pray becomes the instrument of seeing the other and the self. Space is necessary to broaden the horizon of the closed-in self to effect the reconciliation process. Seeing the self with its own limitations serves as an entry point to look at the other person with compassion and love.

The “other” in this case is used to challenge the other party to look into himself or herself. Having the courage to point out the other’s fault involves resolving the discrepancies within the self. This is the preparatory phase before going to the more demanding stages of reconciliation.

**Talk in Private: Personal Dialogue**

Technically speaking, reconciliation begins here. It is when the involved parties begin to talk face-to-face. Facing each other has no substitute. It clarifies many misinterpreted and misunderstood issues. The wisdom and beauty of this stage of the process is that it prevents both parties from being humiliated.
The Process.....from page 2:

role of the go-between is to ensure that both sides will feel justly treated and not betrayed.

Treat the Person as Gentile and Tax Collector: Embracing the other

The important thing to remember alongside this instruction to treat the person as gentile and tax collector is Jesus’ attitude toward this people as model. Jesus showed compassion to the gentiles and tax collectors. He shared with them in table fellowship and reached out and embraced them as his own people. So to follow the communicative praxis of Jesus it could mean, first of all, an encouragement to never give up on the other - the offender. Secondly, this is an opportunity to give witness to Christian gratuitous and unconditional love.

Taking a second look at the process in consideration with the experiences of the pastoral agents, the process should be dealt with flexibility and not strictly as sequential at all times. It is good to recognize that there are circumstances shaping the appropriateness of the approach to assist the conflicting parties. Sometimes having someone as facilitator is more helpful than expecting the involved parties to settle the conflict by themselves. There are times, however, that talking privately is better. The bottom line is, whichever is applicable and appropriate, the process is meant to clarify the issues and preferably bring back the broken relationship.

As a child of seven, St. Rose of Viterbo, Italy was already practicing penitential austerities and living as a recluse while living a home. The daughter of poor pious parents, when she was eight years old she became seriously ill and had a vision of the Virgin Mary who told her to wear the clothes of a Franciscan but to remain at her parents' home so that she could continue to be a good example to her neighbors. When she reached ten years of age, Rose joined the Third Order of St. Francis. Young as she was she would daily preach in the streets of Viterbo about sin, the sufferings of Jesus and public penance.

Political controversy also inspired her. When Emperor Frederick II of Germany decided to wage war against the pope and the papal states he sent his forces to occupy the town of Viterbo. Rose went out into the streets denouncing her fellow townspeople as cowards for putting up with the presence of Frederick’s troops. At this time Rose was only twelve years old. Rose took the pope’s side against the emperor and she started preaching revolution accompanied by remarkable miracles. This caused tension and alarm not only for her own family but also for the villagers. People felt that she should turn to page 4.
Read more on St. Rose of Viterbo and her conversion miracle at our website www.santuariodesanantonio.wordpress.com

The ABC's of Catholic Doctrine
by Lianne Tiu

Who is your female role model?

Is she Taylor Swift, Kate Middleton (Duchess of Cambridge), Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Audrey Hepburn, Maria Sharapova, Tessie Sy-Coson, your teacher, your “lola,” or your mother? Sometimes, we will be dismayed to learn that the generation today reveres celebrities who dress around half naked, who are involved in drugs, in pre-marital sex and extra-marital affairs. Our society values status and beauty above true success and values.

A true role model is one who possesses the qualities that we would like to imitate in our lives. And who would be more perfect for that title than the Blessed Virgin Mary? She is the perfect spouse, parent, friend, and relative. She is a woman of substance as she possesses outstanding virtues such as humility, obedience, detachment, charity, purity, ... (name them all). Mother Teresa called Our Lady, “the most beautiful of all women, the greatest, the humblest, the most pure, the most holy... a model for all women.” In fact, one of her great secrets of sanctity was her closeness to Mary whom she loved so much. She wrote: “Cling to Mary and ask her to teach you how to love Jesus more and more since no one did the will of God as completely as she did.”

Mary inspired admiration and emulation. She did not gossip. She was serene and at peace in the face of sufferings. She was obedient; unlike many of us “Cafeteria Catholics” who chose what we wanted to believe and what we wanted to disregard on the Church’s teachings. In a twentieth century setting, Mary is not the type who will post a selfie on social media, but who only wants our attention on Jesus. We cannot imagine her wasting so much time on long phone conversations, soap operas, computer games, and some social networking services. Her choice of clothes will be something elegant and modest, avoiding low neckline and short skirts.

We cannot go wrong in choosing Mary as our role model for today’s generation. By imitating and loving her, we have the key in our quest for sainthood. She will lead us straight to her Son, Jesus.

(Reference: “Mother Teresa’s Lessons of Love & Secrets of Sanctity” by Susan Conroy; “Catholic Truths for Our Children” by Patti Armstrong; “You can become a Saint!” by Mary Ann Budnik)

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Pope Francis

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CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 7
* 8:00AM - Thrift Shop
* 9:15AM - CCD Sunday Religion Class
* 4:00PM - CORO Practice

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 8
* 1:00PM - OFS Formation

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 9
* 8:00AM - Thrift Shop
* 9:00AM - CWL FREE Clinic
* 9:00AM - JPIC Hospital Ministry PGH Visitation
* 2:00PM - Health Care Ministry Dancersize
“Open to all Parishioners”
* 4:00PM - Marian Cenacle Group Prayer meeting

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 10
* 8:00AM - Thrift Shop
* 4:00PM - CCD Religious Class

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 11
* 8:00AM - Thrift Shop
* 9:00AM - Health Care Ministry Visitation at Rizal Medical Center, Pasig City
* 7:00PM - SYA Prayer meeting

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 12
* 8:00AM - Thrift Shop
* 2:00PM - Health Care Ministry Dancersize
“Open to all Parishioners”
* 7:00PM - Single Young Adult Weekend
* 7:30PM - Household Help Charismatic Prayer meeting
* 9:00PM - Tig-Awit Choir Practice

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 13
* 8:00AM - Thrift Shop
* 4:00PM - VOSA Choir
* 4:00PM - LUKERS Prayer meeting

CALENDAR OF SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

September 3
Gregory the Great, pope and doctor
St. Gregory was born at Rome around the year 540. He rose through various public offices to the prefecture, which he renounced. He entered the monastic life and, once ordained deacon, he discharged the duties of legate at Constantinople. On September 3, 590 he was elevated to the Chair of St. Peter and he proved to be a true shepherd by carrying out his office, helping the poor, spreading and strengthening the faith. He wrote extensively on moral and theological subjects. He died on March 12, 604.

September 8
BIRTH OF MARY

September 9
Peter Claver, priest
St. Peter Claver was born at Verdu, in Spain in the year 1580; from 1596 he studied arts and letters at the University of Barcelona. In 1602 he entered the Society of Jesus. With the help especially of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, porter of the Jesuit College of Majorca, Peter heard and followed the call to the missions. In 1616 he was ordained to the priesthood in the Mission of Colombia. There, until his death, he carried on an apostolate among the black slaves, vowing to be “the slave of the blacks forever.” His strength exhausted, he died at Cartagena in Colombia on September 8, 1654. He was canonized by Leo XIII in 1888. In 1896 the same pontiff declared him the special heavenly patron of all missions to the black peoples.


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Jay R. Jonson & Loimarie Nor L. Cruz

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18-Sep-14
Luis Miguel E. Angeles & Charmaine O. Tang

24-Oct-14
Alvin Jan Robert Ramos & Kristine Macan De Yupian

26-Nov-14
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September 7, 2014
I was brought up in a very religious Catholic family. We lived in the U.S. when I was young, and I served my church youth group in South San Francisco for about 4 years. I had a good relationship with God, although my prayers were mostly about asking Him for things I wanted and needed. God in His goodness would provide me these things, yet I felt something was missing in my life that I could not explain.

When we returned to the Philippines I continued to attend daily Mass and visit the Blessed Sacrament regularly. God continued to answer my prayers. Still, it did not seem like this was enough. Then one day, God suddenly stopped giving me what I asked for. Hub? But why, I thought. I pray and go to Mass. What is happening, God? It was during this time of uncertainty when I met my mama’s friend who told me, instead of asking God for things that I want, I should ask God for things He wants me to do for Him. So I attended the Single Young Adults (SYA) Weekend and there I found many ways I could serve God.

In SYA, I learned to serve God through our visits to Makati City Jail (MCJ). I didn’t really want to go to MCJ at first; I mean who wants to go to jail? I really did not understand why we had to visit a jail, but I still went. We arranged a recollection for the inmates on Black Saturday, and it was there that I saw God in each of the prisoners in my group. God made me sit with a group of five women who were all in jail for drugs. I remembered my relative, an addict whom I had pretty much given up on. One of the inmates shared about how her mother fell from a high staircase and while falling she prayed to God to just take care of her grandchildren because she knew she wouldn’t survive the fall.

Her mother survived unscathed. It was her prayer that saved her. After hearing that I didn’t give up on praying for my relative’s healing.

I used to feel depressed about small things. Sometimes I feel I don’t have money or maybe I don’t earn as much as other people. Spending time with the inmates has made me realize many things about my life. I am so blessed! God loves me so much & I have so many blessings! I have a roof over my head, food on the table and so many other things I take for granted. The inmates go through problems just as we do, but they really have nothing. No house, no food. The inmates are human beings like you and me. It is because of extreme poverty that they end up doing the things they do. I am more compassionate about their situation. They make mistakes and they also need forgiveness & love.

Matthew 25:35-36: 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. I’ve heard this passage through out my life but it seems this phrase always escapes me. “I was in prison and you came to me.”

Now I know why we go to prison. To share God’s love to every prisoner we encounter. A few weeks ago we had an MCJ activity. We celebrated Mass with the prisoners and watched a Filipino Indie Film with them. As we were giving out popcorn and juice a lady prisoner called me by my name and was very excited to see me. “Ma’am Caron bumalik ka ulit. Magturo ka ulit,” she said. This encounter made me realize that I could bring so much joy just by being there. Our mere presence in MCJ makes a difference. Sometimes we think we need to do amazing things, but all I did was eat popcorn and watch the movie from behind. Just being there brought smiles to this woman who called me by name but whose name I could not even remember.

Now I serve God through the many outreach activities of SYA and still keep my daily schedule of attending Mass and holy hour. In the past I would feel so bad if I failed to keep my schedule. Through SYA I’ve learned to offer my work as prayer; so if I can’t do all my prayers because of the work I need to do for God, I just say a little prayer while doing God’s work as my prayer and offering to Him.

In SYA, I found a family or a “faith community” as they call it. I have found sisters & brothers in Christ who have helped me become a better person & a better Christian serving God. It may seem like we have known each other all our lives, but I’ve only been in the community for 2 years. I have learned to look beyond my needs & priorities in life and put somebody else’s needs in front of my own. And as our faith leader, Jolly Gomez, always says, “Do not worry God will always provide,” and God always does.

The 28th Single Young Adults weekend will be from September 12 – 14, 2014 (Friday evening to Sunday) at the 2nd floor of the Santuario de San Antonio Parish Center. Registration Fee is P1,000. Informational brochures are available at the Parish Office. You may also contact Jonathan at 09178367374 or jona.dcruez@gmail.com for more information.