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Christus Vivit: Paths of Youth

What does it mean to live the years of our youth in the transforming light of the Gospel?

In Christus Vivit, the Church reminds young people that their youth is a gift from God, not merely the season of life before adulthood. Youth can be squandered away in dissipation, or it can be received in gratitude and lived to the full — making it a grace for the Church and the world.

Young people are filled with dreams that gather momentum. They experience this restlessness in which they are called to mission and through which they find the boldness to respond. “True peace coexists with that profound discontent.” As St. Augustine once wrote, “You have created us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”

Some young people want to prolong their adolescence and put off making decisions. Yet young people today must be involved in making decisions in politics, business, society, etc. They are also called to make choices for love and vocation. The Church calls young people not to watch life from an armchair or behind a screen. Rather they are called to take risks, even if they make mistakes. They are called to look to the future, to live — to “Make a ruckus!”

The deepest and fullest meaning in life can only be realized in a daily encounter with Jesus Christ — our best friend. Friendship is a grace from God. Through our friendships, we mature, learn to be open, understanding and caring, and we



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God’s love.
Jesus calls
Himself a friend:
“I do not call you
servants any
longer, but I call
you friends.”
When Jesus
called His
disciples His



friends, He was not pressuring them to do anything, but was appealing to their freedom. After encountering Him, they left everything and followed Him.

In this relationship with Jesus, young people may grow in spirituality and holiness. But Pope Francis reminds us that holiness cannot be realized in copying the Saints in their lifestyles or ways of living holiness. Rather, young people must discover their own unique ways of being holy. “Becoming a saint means becoming more fully yourself, becoming what the Lord wished to dream and create, and not a photocopy.” In becoming more fully themselves, young people can leave their unique mark on the world.

Growing in faith also calls young people to fraternity and community. Encountering Jesus calls us out of ourselves, to embrace others, and to seek their good. An African proverb says, “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” Furthermore, young people are called to build “social friendship, where everyone works for the common good.” The Lord is sending young people everywhere — without borders or limits.

“Young friends, don’t wait until tomorrow to contribute your energy, your audacity and your creativity to changing our world. Your youth is not an “in-between time”. You are the now of God, and He wants you to bear fruit.”

The Young: God's Bearers of Good News

By Rellie Liwag

No one is spared from wounded-ness. To some, it becomes a stigma and if not addressed, can be carried through adulthood. Awareness of this fact is vital. One is not alone in life's struggles bearing in mind Christ's love for us and His unconditional love.

The young bearing good news simply means the ability to shake the dust off and seek a new beginning. Learn from the wounded-ness in life, turning it around so that the emphasis is on acquiring a more positive and Christian attitude, both in words and in deeds. How is this done? Here are some ways:

1) Bring joy to your loved ones, especially to your parents.

Life is complicated enough. Any warm gesture goes a long way to make the sick and the elderly feel important and appreciated. Be patient and kind;

2) Do not indulge or seek pleasure in spreading gossip or fake news;

3) Seek education. Use every opportunity to better yourself. Armed with a solid Christian upbringing, the youth can be a shining beacon of hope, a boost. You are the future of this nation and can make a big difference in making the world a better place to live in.



Recently, I participated in a rigorous 2-week workshop in Florence, Italy under the tutelage of a Russian artist. I mingled with different artists from countries like Spain, England, Korea, France, and USA, to name a few. Indeed, there was no generation gap. We all shared the same interest driven by our shared passion for the arts, regardless of age and ethnic or cultural background.

I met a Korean in her mid-twenties. She was bubbly and full of good cheer, sharing her art material without any hesitation. In a way, she exuded kindness and warmth towards her fellow artists. Another from England (a baby really at age 19), was terribly gorgeous, a fashion plate but unaffected by her wealth and good looks. She told me that she was headed for Oxford University. She said, "Rellie, you traveled across many oceans to improve your craft; you are an inspiration." I thought I should be saying this to her, instead. There was joy and camaraderie. We exchanged, we gave away and got back God's gift to us all. It was good news. For all.

EMHC CORNER

Dad, you're it!

By Sean Cannon

Dear Dad, and the rest of you who are guardians and nurturers of the Youth in one way or another. That includes you; Mum, Teacher, Mr. and Ma'am Senator, Mr. President, all of you, you're in.

There are three things I want to touch on in this article. They're all related, and if you'll spare me a moment, I'll show you.

Firstly, the Pew Research Center recently authored a study that found that 70% of Catholics in the US do not believe in Transubstantiation. In other words, they do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the two species conected during the Holy Mass – the Holy Body and Sacred Blood of Christ. Or, if we label them according to their physical appearances (what they look and taste like and seem to be), the bread and wine we consume during Communion.

What do they believe? According to the research, these Catholics believe, akin to many Protestants, that the bread and wine are merely symbols. They do not believe that what you consume at Mass is indeed the Body and Blood of Christ Himself.

Secondly, Dad, you are important. Yep. And I'm not speaking only of the provision of sperm and half the genetic material of each of your progeny. Or only of your contribution to the schooling of your child and perhaps to your child's first car. I'm speaking here of enabling your child to go to Heaven. "Oh, but that's why I send her to church. That's why I send him to Catechism." Sorry. Not enough. Fail. A study



"While Mary Sleeps" by imagekind.com

produced by the Swiss government back in 1994 and hidden behind a title that would dim a thousand spotlights, found that if Dad and Mum both live their religions, 33% of their kids would end up as regular churchgoers (and 41% as irregular churchgoers). Right, so Dad AND Mum, eh? To use a rather out-of-vogue expression; put this in your pipe and smoke it - if only Dad is faithful, then that number increases to 44%. See what I mean, Dad? Just by practicing your faith.

Thirdly, our world is changing quickly. Just these last two days I attended a course at AIM. About Industry 4.0. My biggest takeaway, and I joked with Apple, my wife, about it when we got home, is that the world has come as far in the last 200 years as it will forge ahead in the next 7. I don't know if my numbers make sense, but I do know that our youth is under pressure. Remember how we struggle to keep up with changes? Well, the human brain has not evolved much, if at all, in the last 200,000 years or so. What is changing is

the need to employ our brains more fully. We no longer have the time to watch pumpkins grow. This puts pressure on our youth. Yes on us too, but, Dads, we're the ones who are responsible for how they turn out.

So, three things: The Real Presence; Dads are important; and a changing world. I said I would explain what these three have in common. But I don't think I need to anymore. Dad, you're it!

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Beloved

By Vito Samson (Luke 18)



The Luke 18 community helped me grow in faith by letting me know God and myself more. Whether during the weekend or the weekly meetings, I always get to know more about God or myself in different ways. Maybe through the talks that happen there or through the people I meet!

The fruits I gained while in this community are endless, but some of my most precious fruits are the friends that I made or the stronger bond I made with God. This community also helped me so much with my problems in life. Maybe by having someone to talk to or a reflection that helped me see things in a different way.

Gifted

By Tali Macasaet (Luke 18)

Before I joined Luke 18, I wasn't fond of waking up early and going to Mass especially on Sundays. Attending Mass felt like more of a requirement than something I actually wanted to do. However, when I joined Luke 18, it became a routine that I was glad to do willingly. My faith definitely got stronger, thanks to my faith family. I actually joined the weekend with 11 of my batchmates from school. Some people still don't believe that some of us didn't even like each other before and that we did not plan to join together. Through the weekend, we all connected and became close. After the weekend, we all went to the meetings together and didn't talk much to everyone. We realized that we had to talk to more people and be more open to sharing more in our share groups and to remove my shyness.

My faith family, especially my friends, taught me to talk openly about my faith and to be prouder of loving God. In simple ways – like holding hands while praying then shouting "Amen!" at the end – I strengthen my bond with God through those around me. In bigger ways like the weekend, my faith grew when I silently served the candidates. From preparing their snacks to serving their food, it made me closer to God because of working together with the rest of the silent servers.

Our cooperation taught me that God will never leave my side because there will always be people around me who will be willing to help me. With that, I became more willing to serve and to do anything because I know that I'm never alone since God will always find a way to guide me. Furthermore, I can do anything I put my heart to as long as I have faith in God's plan for me. Now, I am more motivated to attend prayer meetings, go to Mass, and volunteer to help out in church events even though I have schoolwork and training to do every day. I can now say that my Luke 18 faith family has really made a big impact on my faith in God because of the love and kindness I have felt since the day I joined, I will always treasure that and do my best to live out what they taught me when meeting other members of our community.



Empowered

By Gayle Madarang (Single Young Adults)

As a young person, the initial goal upon graduating college is career growth. As we progress and become successful in finding the right career path, we try to seek more on a personal level; physical stature, love life, and friends. Last year, I've acknowledged the lack of my spiritual growth. I tried to seek God everywhere and continuously ask myself "What can I do here on Earth to glorify God? What is my purpose?" As I sought Him even more, I tried to attend various Christian communities in the hopes of finding my real purpose but sadly, I was not at peace. I felt that it wasn't my calling.

Early this year, I joined the Single Young Adults retreat. Through it, I found a faith family that helped me strengthen my faith. They have helped me answer questions about my Catholic faith. Six months after the retreat, I was given a bigger



responsibility and became one of the facilitators for the next retreat. This time, I knew I was called by God to serve and share His love with a much bigger community; help other single young adults in their pursuit not just in finding themselves but also, and more importantly, finding God. After the retreat, it dawned on me that my goal is to live to make God known to others. I've felt an outpouring of God's love which urges me to continue seeking and serving Him through this community. Now that I know my purpose, I pray that I will always be reminded to lift everything up to Him.



Schedule of Liturgical Activities

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

6:15 am, 7:30 am (with Morning Prayers at 7:00 am except on First Saturdays), 12:15 pm, Anticipated: 4:30 pm, 6:00 pm

- Fatima Prayer of Adoration and Reparation after the 6:15 am, 7:30 am, and 12:15 Masses
- First Five Saturdays for the Reparation of Sins Committed Against the Immaculate Heart of Mary (February - June, July - November) at the 6:15 am, 7:30 am, and 12:15 pm Masses with meditation and recitation of the Holy Rosary 30 minutes before the Mass

Sunday

6:30 am (Tagalog), 7:45 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 nn, 4:30 pm, 6:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE IN SURROUNDING VILLAGES:

Dasmariñas Village Clubhouse:
Saturday, 6:00 pm – Anticipated Mass

(North) Forbes Park Pavillion:
Sunday, 11:00 am

Urdaneta Village Friendship Hall:
Sunday, 7:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday

6:15 am, 7:30 am (with Morning Prayers at 7:00 am), 12:00 nn, 6:00 pm

- Recitation of the Holy Rosary before every Mass, except 6:00 pm Mass on Tuesdays
- Chaplet of St. Anthony before 6:00 pm Mass on Tuesdays
- Novena to St. Anthony and Exposition of St. Anthony's Relic after all Masses on Tuesday
- Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday at 8:00 am and after the 6:00 pm Mass
- Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after all Masses on Friday except on First Friday
- First Friday Holy Hour: 8:00 am, 11:45 am and after the 6:00 pm Mass

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3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

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The day I was a judge for ‘Master Chef’ at Prison

The author played judge for a day at a cooking contest held in two jails, and in the process, learned not to judge those who are forced to stay inside

By JJ Yulo

The SSAP Prison Ministry thinks up of enriching activities for the men and women of two jails – Makati and Taguig. They’re called PDLs – Persons Deprived of Liberty. Not inmate, not jailbird. These are people who are waiting for their sentences to be passed. In the meantime, they are denied liberty. Living in super-cramped quarters, with a tiny courtyard used for whatever activities are allowed. It’s the definition of a dreary life.

But on that sunny morning, there was a respite from all the dreariness. That day was “Master Chef” day!

For Master Chef 2019, the PDLs requested for ingredients and prepared their own recipes, and that made things really interesting. Each team – consisting of PDLs – was armed with their ingredients and basic kitchen tools: knives, cutting boards, bowls, serving vessels, a big wok, and a stove top. They had two hours to make a savory dish and a dessert.

Emceeding and judging duties were entrusted to me, so I went full-on Kuya Germs mode and bantered and cajoled with all of them. With my senses wide open, I could tell the PDLs were all on overdrive – prepping their mise en place, and firing up their stove tops, all the while laughing and teasing each other. It was actually pretty joyful! The work was a bit intense, too – they ALL were playing to win.

At this point, my companions and I were snooping around and chatting with them. We spied a kid and asked what he was in for. He answered, “Drugs, daw.” “You look so young!” “I’m 21, and still in school, taking Culinary.” How sobering is that? Another girl really looked out of place – she looked foreign. When asked what her team was going to make? “Shepherd’s Pie.” What?!?



It was getting HOT. Under the makeshift tents, the heat was getting trapped, and the people were getting sweaty. And yet there they all were, still smiling through, merrily going about their cooking, discussing their presentation and plating, and wiping the perspiration from their foreheads.

The food was a mixed bag. I expected to see a lot of kaldereta, and tough kaldereta at that. For the cuts of meat they had to work with, they would’ve needed hours, which, of course, they didn’t have. But then there were the pleasant surprises: a Chicken Cordon Bleu with cheese sauce; Shepherd’s Pie more steamed than anything, but with decent flavor, sided with a perfectly seasoned beef steak; a dessert of fruit tossed in melon juice, cream, and turmeric (“Naglagay kami ng turmeric kasi healthy siya!”) and served in a burnt-out coconut shell, the most creative dish I had seen.

The awarding ceremony was pretty straightforward – average scores of three judges, with the top three getting big cakes and groceries. Everyone came out a winner, actually as all the groups got loot bags of groceries, too.

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But if you think about it, the real winners were the visitors like us, the few who were present to witness the spectacle. In hearing their whoops and victory cheers, in seeing their beaming smiles of pride when presenting their food, even in watching them interact with each other in camaraderie and in the true spirit of team work – that was when it hit you that just being present was a big deal. For a few hours, and in the case of Master Chef, a few hours ONCE a year, they felt joy. And maybe even hope. Maybe one day they'll get to see the world again – in freedom – and cook and eat and enjoy a meal any time they want.

So going home from that, after being thanked profusely by the PDLs, after taking pictures with the staff, you kinda take stock and think. We complain about horrendous traffic but these guys can't see beyond the courtyard outside their dorms. We are bothered by the heat but we can turn on a fan, crank up the AC, enter a mall, or sit under a big tree, while they sweat and bear it with no choice. We have friends and family to call when we feel beaten by the world, while they wait and see if anyone will show up to visit.

That night, I said thank you to the Man Upstairs for a life of freedom, not devoid of hardships, but one where I can make my own decisions. And I thought about those I saw that day – men and women from all walks who may or may not have done something wrong. Life's tough, and can corner you to do something stupid. Or maybe you have deep issues that force you to play a bad hand. Or maybe you were hungry, or desperate. I learned that day that that doesn't mean you can't try to be a better person, and that everyone deserves kindness and care too.

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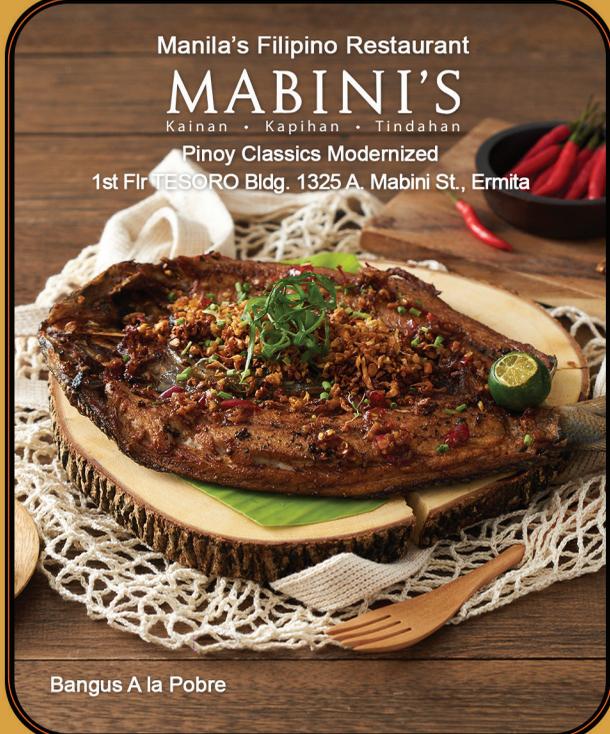
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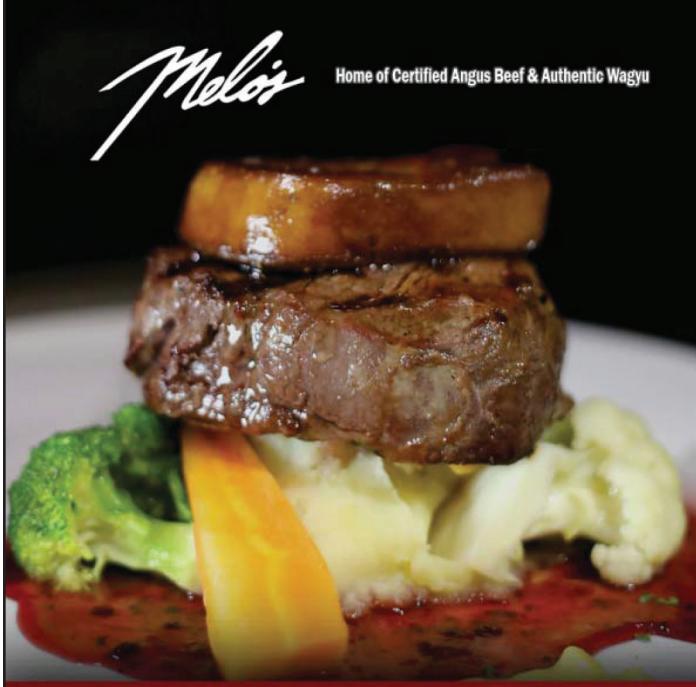
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