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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the third edition of The CMPC Times!

Summer is almost there, which also means that several CMPC events are fast approaching. These events include the 7th Anniversary picnic, as well as the CMYPC Retreat, which will once again be held in Camp Capilano.

This issue's 'CMPC News' section gives a retrospective look on the "Lord Enkindle Me" talk given by Bo Sanchez last month. An article concerning the CMYPC's sacrifice cards is also included.

The 'CMPC Website' section may be of interest to visitors who wish to submit entries to the CMPC Blog – more information on blog submission entries may be found in this section. Further, an article on the two most recently added CMPC Catholic games are included.

'Other News' contains a brief summary of Pope Benedict XVI's successful trip to the United States, which took place on late April.

Last but not the least, the 'Interesting Fact' section consists of a collection of stories of people who converted to Catholicism. The collection includes such popular names as Buffalo Bill, Oscar Wilde, Alec Guinness, and, the most recent convert featured in this section, former U.K. Prime Minister Tony Blair.

God bless!

- Frolin S. Ocariza, Jr.

CMPC NEWS

Special thanks to Linnette Ocariza for writing the first two articles in this section.

Lord Enkindle Me

So it's been quite a while since this event, but I'm sure the contents of Bo's words are still vivid in our memories. For certain, Bo is a great preacher, using such creative ways including recounting hilarious stories and sporting energetic gestures to capture the audience's attention. However, behind all his elaborateness is a simple message: TRUST and ACT. His emphasis in this particular talk was on generosity.

Bo explained our duty to help out the least of our brethren, in a rather inspiring story of a woman who donated all of her 100 pesos to the church, trusting God to provide for her. This is why we pray for God to "make us rich, so that we may enrich others." We turn to God and TRUST Him to provide for us, then we do our part and ACT on what we pray for.

Sacrifice Pledges

Congratulations to all youth for committing yourselves to this fundraiser for our retreat! Some of you may already be finished with your sacrifices, and for those who are still at it, well, keep at it! The dedication and love you have put into your personal sacrifices will not only make our upcoming retreat all the more special, but also glorify God.

For the record, our youth was able to fundraise approximately \$340+. Of course, God was our number one sponsor, but we also want to acknowledge Mon Villegas, our adult "supervisor", for his encouragement and great job with making the cards, and also for all those who donated. Watch out for more fundraisers and please pray for the success of our retreat!

Prayer Meeting Schedule - June and July

As indicated in the 2008 calendar (found in <http://www.cmpcommunity.com/schedule.html>), the prayer meeting dates for June and July 2008 are as follows:

- June 14
- June 21
- July 12
- July 26

As usual, in the event that any of these dates change, a notice will be put up on the site homepage.

CMPC WEBSITE

Blog Submissions

In order to facilitate blog entry submissions from site visitors, a new blog entry submission page has been created. The page offers two choices for visitors who wish to submit blog entries.

1. Copy and Paste
2. File Upload

These choices are explained on the blog entry submission page, which will become available in a few days.

Of course, visitors may still submit blog entries via e-mail. Please make sure the entries are properly cited (if external sources are used). Blog entry submission rules can be found in http://www.cmpcommunity.com/blog_guidelines.html.



Blog: Submit Entry

If you would like to have your own entry featured on the CMPC blog, you may submit your entry by using either one of two submission forms. To select your method of submission, please click on one of the two buttons below. Please read the [blog guidelines](#) before submitting an entry.

If you would like an image to go along with your entry, you may submit the image to the webmaster by [e-mail](#). Each entry is limited to one image, and each image must be no larger than 3MB.

Please select your method of submission

Two New Catholic Games



As an expansion to the website's Catholic Games section, two new games have been added to the site.

The first game, *Jeopardy: Catholic Edition*, is based on the popular syndicated game show *Jeopardy!*. Most of the questions are targeted for the older visitors. However, plans to create an easier version targeted for the younger visitors are currently underway.

The second game, *Hangman*, is based on the popular pencil-and-paper game. The game currently contains a total of 100 puzzles.

For more information on these games, you can visit the following URL: <http://www.cmpcommunity.com/games.html>.

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Feel free to send us an e-mail if you have any questions, comments, and/or suggestions.

OTHER NEWS

Pope Benedict's U.S. Trip a Success

Pope Benedict XVI was warmly welcomed by President George W. Bush during his first apostolic journey to the United States. He arrived in the U.S. on April 15, 2008 – the day prior to his birthday. During his visit, the pontiff tackled such issues as interfaith dialogue and the clergy sex abuse scandal. The latter issue was addressed particularly during a meeting held between victims of the scandal and the Pope.

Masses were held at the Washington Nationals baseball stadium, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Yankee Stadium. On the last day of his visit, Pope Benedict visited Ground Zero – the site of the World Trade Centre collapse – and prayed over the site.

A farewell ceremony was held at the John F. Kennedy International Airport – prior to his departure – on April 20, 2008.



Pope Benedict XVI with U.S. President George Bush

Sources:

- URL: <http://www.catholicnews.com>

- Image courtesy of <http://www.zimbio.com>

INTERESTING FACT

Catholic Conversion Stories

A few days before Gordon Brown succeeded him as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Tony Blair approached Pope Benedict XVI to discuss his intentions to convert to Roman Catholicism. A few months later, on December 22, 2007, with the support of his wife Cherie (who was already a Catholic), Blair completed his conversion.

Conversion stories such as Blair's typically give a sense of joy to Catholics as well as a sense of accomplishment to those who helped the convert throughout his or her journey. But more importantly, these conversions are also very pleasing to God, just as the return of the prodigal son is pleasing to his father.

Here are a few other Catholic conversion stories that may be of interest to the reader:

- Both William F. Cody (better known to most people as Buffalo Bill) and Irish writer Oscar Wilde converted on their deathbeds.
- Catholic apologist Peter Kreeft converted after being asked by a Calvinist professor to investigate the Catholic Church's claim that it originated from the early Church.
- The oldest Catholic priest in modern times, Nicholas Kao Se Tseien, converted to Roman Catholicism at the age of 18, along with his four brothers. He lived to the age of 110.
- Alec Guinness, an actor known for his role as Obi-Wan Kenobi in the *Star Wars* films, and who won the Academy Award for Best Actor for his role in *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, converted to Roman Catholicism with his wife Merula. Prior to his conversion, Guinness consulted Tarot cards. The Guinness couple attended church regularly after their conversion.
- Felix Leseur, husband of Servant of God Elisabeth Leseur and a former atheist who frequently mocked his wife's Catholic faith, converted a few years after his wife's death. On her deathbed, Elisabeth told Felix, "You will someday become a priest," to which he replied, "I've sworn hatred of God, I shall live in the hatred and I shall die in it." [1] Felix became a Dominican priest in 1923 at the age of 62. [2]
- Norma McCorvey, the woman identified as "Jane Roe" in the controversial Roe v. Wade case that led to the legalization of abortion, denounced her support for abortion and converted to Roman Catholicism in 1998. In a stunning turn of events, she is now a member of the pro-life movement.



[1] URL: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elisabeth_Leseur

[2] URL: http://www.thecatholic.org/2004_Dec_2005_Jan/When_I_Am_Dead.htm

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