



# THE CMPC TIMES

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

After a really long hiatus, the fourth edition of the newsletter has finally been completed!

The original plan for the newsletter was to have it released bimonthly (i.e., once every two months). Due to my unpredictable schedule, however, I will instead be releasing the newsletter on arbitrary dates. The newsletters will be released at least two months apart, to ensure that a sufficient amount of news or content is presented in each issue.

Since more than eight months have passed since the previous edition's release, some of the news presented in this issue may seem dated. (For example, this issue includes news regarding the 2008 Christmas Party). I decided to keep these dated articles merely for the sake of completeness. Note, however, that a few last minute changes were made to this edition to incorporate at least some new information.

For those of you who are receiving this newsletter for the first time (such as the members of the Canadian Martyrs Youth Prayer Community, who have automatically been subscribed),

you may, if you wish, view previous editions of the newsletter by visiting the website. For more information, see the "CMPC Website" section of this issue (p. 3).

Finally, if you wish to contribute to any future edition of the newsletter, I encourage you to do so (it would certainly help prevent delayed releases of future editions). Before making a contribution, please make sure you read the Blog Guidelines and the Blog Visitors' Manual in the CMPC Website, as much of the same information written there applies to newsletter contributions as well.

God bless!

- *Frolin S. Ocariza, Jr.*

# CMPC NEWS

## 2008 Christmas Party

With the help of God, the 2008 Christmas Party turned out to be another success. The night was filled with laughter and excitement, as people danced, ate, played games, performed, and shared their experiences with one another. Most importantly, it gave CMPC members and visitors the chance to gather in celebration of the Lord's humble birth.

Pictures from the Christmas Party are available in the "Pictures" section of the CMPC website (found in <http://www.cmpcommunity.com/pictures9.html>). (Thanks to Pauline Javier for the pictures).



## Prayer Meeting Schedule - March and April

As indicated in the 2009 calendar (found in <http://www.cmpcommunity.com/schedule.html>), the prayer meeting dates for March and April 2009 are as follows:

- March 21
- April 18

The Catholic Life in the Spirit Seminar will occur every Saturday starting February 21 and ending March 14. The Lenten Recollection will take place on April 4.

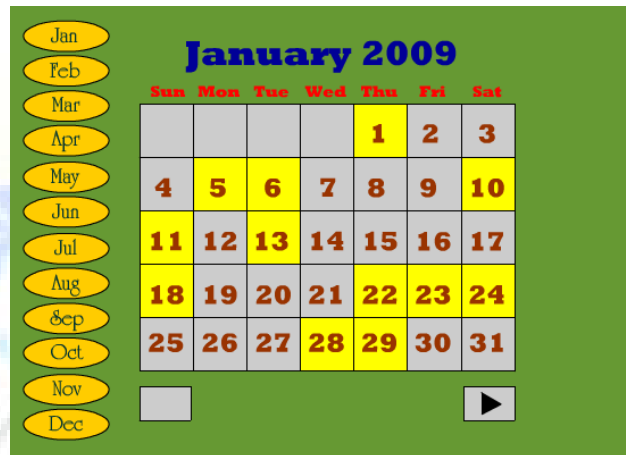
As usual, in the event that any of these dates change, a notice will be put up on the site homepage.



# CMPC WEBSITE

## 2009 calendar

The 2009 calendar is now available on the CMPC website, located in the 'Schedule' page. Unlike the 2008 calendar, this new calendar no longer has an "Events Menu". However, a new search engine mechanism is being developed for this new calendar, which would hopefully facilitate its use. If you find any errors or omissions in the calendar, please contact the administrator either by using the website's contact page or by sending an e-mail (see "Contact Info" below).



## Newsletter Contribution

If you would like to contribute to The CMPC Times newsletter, you are more than welcome to do so. The guidelines governing newsletter contributions are similar to the blog entry submission guidelines, which are found in the following pages

[http://www.cmpcommunity.com/blog\\_guidelines.html](http://www.cmpcommunity.com/blog_guidelines.html)

<http://www.cmpcommunity.com/blogmanual.html>

In your submission, please indicate which topic ("CMPC News", "Other News", or "Interesting Fact") your submission most appropriately belongs to. I will try to get most of the submissions included in a future edition of the newsletter; however, some might not be included due to redundancy, failure to adhere to the guidelines, etc. You will be receiving an acknowledgment e-mail regardless of whether your submission is used or not (in some cases, the submission might be posted on some other part of the website instead, but I will ask for your permission before doing so).

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

Previous editions of the newsletter are found in <http://www.cmpcommunity.com/cmpctimes.html>

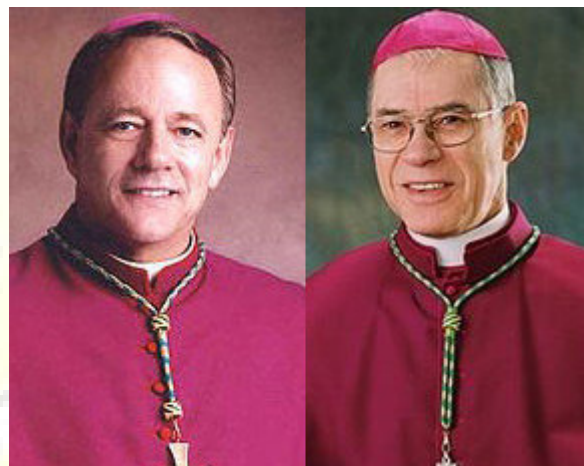
## OTHER NEWS

### J. Michael Miller Replaces Most Rev. Raymond Roussin as Archbishop of Vancouver

On January 2, 2009, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI accepted Most Rev. Raymond Roussin's resignation as Archbishop of the Vancouver Archdiocese. The coadjutor archbishop, J. Michael Miller, replaces Most Rev. Roussin.

Most Rev. Roussin was appointed Archbishop of Vancouver by Pope John Paul II on January 10, 2004, following Adam Exner's retirement. Citing health reasons, Most Rev. Roussin requested for an early retirement after having served as archbishop for five years.

A welcome mass was held for Archbishop Miller on January 25, 2009, at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver.



Archbishop J. Michael Miller (left) and former Archbishop Raymond Roussin (right)



Archbishop Miller's welcome mass at the Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver

Sources:

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# INTERESTING FACT

## Papal Tidbits

The first pope, St. Peter, ascended to the papacy circa 30 AD. Since then, 265 popes, including St. Peter, have served as the Bishop of Rome (*Episcopus Romanus*), with Pope Benedict XVI reigning as the current pope. Here are a few interesting tidbits regarding the papacy:

- The last pope to be canonized (to date) is Pope Pius X.
- The eight Canadian Martyrs were beatified by Pope Pius XI on June 21, 1925, and canonized by the same pope on June 29, 1930.
- Other than St. Peter (who was pope for 34 years), the longest reigning pope is Pius IX, who served as pope for over 31 years.
- The shortest reigning pope is Urban VII, who served as Pope for thirteen days. In contrast, Pope John Paul I died 34 days after his election to the papacy.
- The first pope not to use his own name as his regnal name is John II, who decided not to use Mercurius as his papal name to avoid any associations with the Roman god Mercury.



- The last pope (to date) to use his own name (i.e., birth name) as his regnal name (i.e., papal name) is Pope Marcellus II.
- Pope John Paul I was the first pope (and, to date, the only pope) to use the phrase "the First" in his papal name.
- Throughout the history of the papacy, there have been twelve "Years of Three Popes". The most recent "Year of Three Popes" was 1978, when Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul I, and Pope John Paul II all reigned as popes (in succession – obviously they did not reign simultaneously!). There has also been one "Year of Four Popes", when Pope Gregory X, Pope Innocent V, Pope Adrian V, and Pope John XXI all reigned, in succession, as popes.
- Two Popes have been recognized as Doctors of the Church: St. Gregory the Great and St. Leo the Great.
- The election of a new pope is announced with the Latin phrase "Habemus Papam", which translates to "We have a new pope".