



NEWSLETTER
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Do We Really Get Jesus?

BACK in 2008, I already had a ton of books in my personal library.

So, I went through the titles and categorized them. What I saw made my heart sink.

I discovered that I had 17 books on prayer, 16 books on leadership, 34 books on family life, 18 books on evangelization, 38 books on the spiritual life... But, alas, only 3 books on loving the poor.

I realized this spoke volumes of what we *think* it means to follow Jesus. Was this a mirror of what was important in my heart?

If you study the Bible, you will note that 30% of it speaks about loving the poor.

As we read of God's Word, more and more, I pray we *get* Jesus. We get His message. We get His heart.

Because He's after ours.

Welcome to our new Feast Talk Series titled *Fulfilled*, based on Matthew 26— about the steps that yes, *fulfilled* Jesus' mission toward the Cross.

Talk 1 is titled *Anointed*— yes, the first step, how Jesus started His way to Calvary.

Have a life-changing Feast.

May your dreams come true,

Bo Sanchez





LETTERS

Christmas Gifts

YOUR eyebrows raised, you're like, "Hey, December 25, Christmas Day, was already three weeks ago. Are you having a hangover?"

But didn't we tell you last issue of *The Feast Family* that Christmas happens not only in December? It is an everlasting gift!

And so, this January, *The Feast Family* continues to celebrate Christmas with a series on gifts we receive this wonderful time of the year!

We start with a big gift from our founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez: a new Feast Talk series titled *Fulfilled*, page 1.



In his homily at our Feast Holy Mass last Sunday, Fr. Albert Garong pointed out the Gift that really matters. Read on, page 3.

In their Feast talk last Sunday, Bro. Bo and Bro. Audee Villaraza spoke about another Gift: the Gift of being able to choose how you want your life to be.

Learn about it, pages 9-16.



Our *Mercy Ministries* section gives an update on the *Gift of Hope* for the youth from the Pag-asa ng Pamilya Scholarship Foundation, part of our LOJ Mercy Ministries led by Bro. Hermie Morelos as chairman, page 17.

Speaking of education, in our *Blessings* section, Sis. Irene Daban presents, yes, a Gift: the grace to meet the challenge of creativity in making lesson modules for students and their parents as their teachers, still have to do school-from-home, page 18.



And speaking of gifts, we gift Bro. Alvin Barcelona a tribute on the occasion of his birthday this January, page 20.

What about you? What's your Christmas Gift? *Share* to inspire others and praise the Lord.



All for God's Glory,

Randy Borromeo
Media Ministry
Executive Director





FLASHBACK

January 6, 2021

Holy Mass

FR. ALBERT GARONG

on the Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 *The Baptism and Genealogy of Jesus*

Excerpts...

GOOD DAY, everyone!

We are so blessed to be able to gather once again here in The Feast for another Sunday Holy Mass. And today, we are celebrating the Feast of the Lord's Baptism.

When I was reflecting on what I would share about this important event in Jesus' life, I couldn't help relating it to a movie that I watched two times already because I really enjoyed it.

It's the recent film from Disney titled *Mirabel*. Not to give you spoilers, but the premise-- that's the trailer-- I can share. There is this girl, Mirabel, who belongs to a family—the Madrigal family-- whose members have been bestowed with specific gifts. They have super powers. One of Mirabel's sisters has super strength, another sister can control nature, an aunt can control the weather, another member has super hearing, and so on.

Everyone in the Madrigal family receives a special gift -- except Mirabel. She doesn't receive any. So, one of her struggles is to find her place in the family and to prove her worth -- that despite having no gift, she is still as valid, as important as the other members of the family.



It's so beautiful that we are celebrating this special

I love the film because one of the main themes it



explores – getting it just from that premise alone, even if you haven't seen the movie-- is how problematic it is once a person is reduced to gifts or to skills and abilities.

Problems arise when we start measuring people by what they can do, or what they can offer or, as we say it in Tagalog, *Kapag walang ambag, walang halaga ang isang tao*. That happens a lot especially in today's culture.

We measure people by what they can do, by what they can offer, what gifts they bring to the table.

I remember this because in celebrating the Baptism of the Lord, it is precisely these two important measures that come together. And what are those? Identity and Mission.

The Baptism of Jesus Christ is one milestone in His life.

People always ask, “Why did Jesus get baptized? What's the point?”

Certainly, Jesus did not need baptism. He is God. He is the source of all grace. He didn't need an oil, or the empowering of the Spirit-- because He is God Himself. And certainly, He did not need the baptism offered by John the Baptist -- a baptism of water, a baptism of repentance, and forgiveness of sins.

Jesus had no sin to be forgiven, nothing to repent of, so why did He get baptized? One of the main reasons that theologians and scholars offer is that the Baptism would inaugurate, would announce to the world the beginning of Jesus in His Ministry because it is only after the Baptism of Jesus that He becomes known publicly. That is the start of Him doing His ministry with the people around Him.

Now, that is the beginning and then this inauguration begins first of all with the confirmation of Jesus' own identity-- as the voice from Heaven says, “He is the beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”



[1st Reading – Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7](#)

Thus says the LORD:

¹ Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations,



Those are not generic words of praise but are taken from Scripture-- in the Old Testament-- to signify that this is indeed the Messiah we have long been waiting for. He has finally arrived. Jesus' life identity comes first before doing His mission.

What you do flows from who you are, so identity becomes more important especially in the case of Jesus' mission because his identity is the key to how He would save us. How does the Lord save us? How does He bring salvation ultimately? It is about Him, the Son of God, identifying with all of us. And that is another reason He was baptized: to identify Himself with humanity.

Jesus saves us by the sheer power of His love. Embracing all of our weaknesses, all of our failures and sins in His own body and thus sanctifying us and forgiving us as a person-- and that is how we are saved.

So, whenever you attend the baptism of your own child, or you are a *Ninang* or a *Ninong*, a godparent, or you are just looking forward to the reception -- it all boils down to this one act of being connected again to the Source of all holiness, of being incorporated into the body of Christ.

You are once again put into the body of Jesus Christ who is perfectly holy. You are a branch being connected to the Vine from Whom holiness and forgiveness and sanctity and goodness flow. That is how we are saved ultimately.

Jesus will do that on the Cross, embracing our weaknesses and offering Himself to save us. But even at the beginning of Jesus' Ministry, He already shows us-- that is, what He is going to do-- the act of identifying all of us with His own sanctity, to His own divinity, to save us. And thus begins Jesus' mission.

You know, the readings for today actually specify or give us a better idea about how this mission is to be done.



[Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10.](#)

*¹ Give to the LORD, you sons of God,
give to the LORD glory and praise,*

*² Give to the LORD the glory due his name;
adore the LORD in holy attire.*

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.



God has no partiality. Remember that Jesus came to save everyone, without exemption. This offer, this gift has never been denied anyone who comes to Him. It is being freely given to all. This mission is about restoration, about fixing, and mending, and healing.

In our First Reading, when the prophet Isaiah speaks of the servant who refers to the Messiah and speaks about how He handles a broken reed-- the smoldering wick now broken—we can read, in itself, as a fraud trial plant -- but a bruised reed over more, fragile.

And again, a wick is used to start a fire but does not produce fire. And the servant takes these two symbols that represent brokenness and failure, and handles them with great care. Why? Because his intention is to fix them, restore them, to make them work.

This is tension that Jesus touches here and it is so opposite to what we do for us, according to our standards of the world.

What do we do when something is broken? Or what do we do to people who are broken? Who have committed so many mistakes and errors? Who have failed us in so many ways? We throw them away, we set them aside, we cut them off from our life-- because they don't serve us anymore. They are no longer valuable. They are no longer worthy of our love and attention. Sounds familiar?

2nd Reading – ACTS 10:34-38

¹ Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

² Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.

³ You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,

⁴ what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,

² how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”



Jesus the Messiah and His mission of restoration-- His mission of fixing and healing, and mending (only the broken)-- tells us that that is not God's standard. God's standard is different because when He says He comes for *all* He really means— for *everyone*.

Think of the worst people that you can imagine, the worst people who have hurt you, who have done damage in your life-- God is there for them too...

Even in society, it's the same. If you look at the readings again, you will note one sector of society mentioned are the prisoners. They are at the very lowest ranks of society.

Sometimes, we see on Facebook the news about inmates suffering COVID in jail and you see comments that say, "*Tama lang yan, para mabawasan ang masasamang tao sa mundo.*"

But God says today, "That is not who I am. That is not what I do."

See, it boils down to this-- in Jesus' Baptism. Jesus identified Himself with us. He embraced all of us unto His own. So, that is why when God the Father from Heaven tells Him that, "You are my beloved Child, my beloved Son..." that extends to all of us. We are now able to clean ourselves because we are baptized in Jesus Christ's own body. That statement now applies to each and every one of us.

We are all now beloved children.

That is why God has come for each and every one of us, my dear brothers and sisters. That is what Love is... Love always finds a way to fix what is broken, and what can be mended, what can be repaired -- because Love is not based on what the person gives you or what's something can offer you. Love is simply based on a decision.

I want to share this post by a friend who has a dog. (I also have a dog.) When my friend gets angry at his dog his wife says, "Remember, you chose that dog."

And that, in a way, relates to everything in Life. We get tired, we get exasperated, we almost give up on people around us. But remember, you chose them. That is how you love-- by choosing people and putting them above everything else.

So, my dear brothers and sisters, we are all beloved. We've all been chosen by God. Sometimes, we might feel that we ourselves are unlovable, we are failing, we are broken.

But God says, "Don't worry. My love for you will never go away because you are my beloved child and I always choose you." May God bless us all.

Worship!

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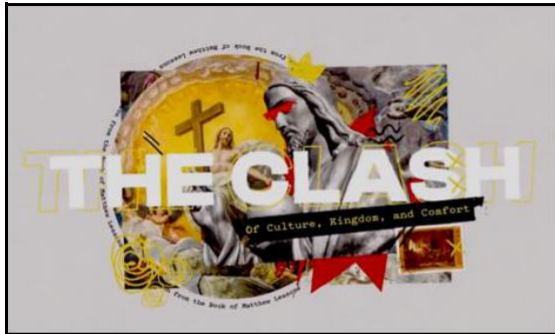




FLASHBACK

January 9, 2021

Talk



TODAY, I want to preach the message, ***Trust the Judge.***

We're about to read the very last public teaching of Jesus before He gets arrested. So, this teaching must be very special. To Matthew, it's the core, conclusion, and capstone of all that Jesus taught:

The upside-down Kingdom of Jesus.

Jesus Is The Coming Judge

But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. ³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me. "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? ³⁹

When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’⁴⁰ “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’⁴¹ “Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.⁴² For I was hungry, and you didn’t feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn’t give me a drink.⁴³ I was a stranger, and you didn’t invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn’t give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’⁴⁴ “Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?’⁴⁵ “And he will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.’⁴⁶ “And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.”

-- Matthew 25:31-46 NLT

Warning: The passage sounds very simple, but it’s very deep, loaded with three difficult truths we’ll unpack today.

Let’s start with the most controversial one...

First: **YOU CREATE YOUR FUTURE**



We usually don’t talk about Hell at The Feast—but it’s right here in this passage.

People ask me: “Would a loving God really send humans to a place like that?”

Let’s discover the answer right here in what we read.

Do you see how the statements of the King to the sheep and the goats follow a pattern? One mirrors the other.

But whenever the pattern is NOT followed, it must be significant.

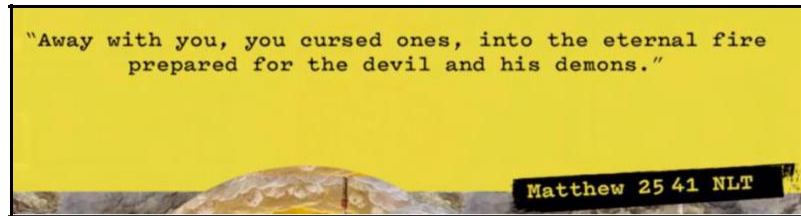
For example, when the King welcomed the sheep, he said, *‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.’* (v.34)

But when he talked to the goats, there was no mention of predestination; He didn’t say, “Inherit Hell prepared for them from the creation of the world.”



Truth: No one is predestined to Hell.

Check out what the King says to the goats:



The King did NOT say to the goats “I curse you”. He merely describes their state by saying, “*You cursed ones.*”

So, we ask, “Who cursed them?”

Answer: They did.

No One Forces Anyone to Hell

I don't believe God throws anyone to Hell.

Some religious teachers give the impression that God takes pleasure in torturing people in eternal hellfire. That's medieval literature. I'm sorry, that's not the God of the Bible.

May I share with you my personal opinion? (We can disagree and still be friends, right?) No one is dragged to Hell in chains, screaming, “Please! Give me one last chance!”

I don't believe God created Hell; *I believe we create Hell by the decisions we make in our life.*

I believe people go to Hell of their own free will.

One of my Theology professors described it this way: He says when we die, we'll face a fork with two signposts. One points to Heaven and the other points to Hell. We choose.

One of my classmates said, “Sir, that's crazy. Then everyone will choose Heaven!”

My professor asked, “Are you sure?”





What's In Your Heart?

When I was in high school, my classmates and I went to Fiesta Carnival in Cubao. When I was a kid, that was the only place you could ride a roller coaster. People tell me the scariest roller coaster rides are the new ones in Disney World and Enchanted Kingdom. I beg to disagree. Nothing is scarier than a roller coaster so old, its metal parts shake so much, you're just waiting for it to fall apart.

I had two classmates who went with me. Let's call them Risky Rick and Cautious Carl. Rick loved roller coasters and Carl hated it like death. I asked him why. Carl told me that when he rode the escalator for the first time, he got dizzy and wanted to throw up. So, he knew if he rode the roller coaster, he would actually die.

But when you're a teenager, peer pressure will make you do the craziest things. I was there when Rick convinced Carl to ride the roller coaster together. I was there when I heard both of them screaming at the top of their lungs. Rick was shrieking in utter delight while Carl was shrieking like he was being tortured.

When both stepped out of the rollercoaster, Rick was in Heaven and Carl was in Hell. It was the same ride, but two very opposite experiences.

My story is a very imperfect analogy. Please don't take it literally. But I share it to you to emphasize one simple point: *I believe your afterlife will be a mirror of what is in your heart.*

For example, a loving person will feel at home in Heaven. But a hateful, selfish person will feel tortured in Heaven because he can't stand the presence of perfect love. He'd rather go to Hell.

But what about those who go to Heaven?

Believe me, it's not what you think...



Second: GOD WILL MAKE YOU KINGS

We picture saints sitting on fluffy clouds doing nothing.

Let me quote again what the King said to the sheep: *“Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.”* (v.34, emphasis mine)

Jesus wasn't only welcoming the sheep to His Kingdom; He was giving them His Kingdom.

Jesus was making them Kings.

Dear friends, this is your future. You're going to rule the multiverse as Kings and Queens beside God.

Jesus is doing Genesis Theology. He uses the language of Genesis, where God invites humans to be His co-rulers made in His image who will represent His compassion to others.

May I Go Deeper?

Here's a great paradox.

Jesus said that what we do to the poor and sick and strangers and prisoners, we do it to Him. Because they are the *Imago Dei* (Latin for *Image of God*).

But those who serve them are representing God. They are the *Imago Dei* too. *Everyone is the Imago Dei, both the one being served and the one serving.*

God-Carriers serving God-Carriers.

Is your mind buffering? You know, trying to cushion a bad, damaging message? Mine did. Here's the final point...



Third: **TRUST THE JUDGE**

Shepherds in that part of the world kept both sheep and goats in one flock. Throughout the day, both sheep and goats eat together, walk together, talk together, and I suspect watch Tiktok together.

At the end of each day, shepherds will separate them.

By the way, *sheep and goats look alike.*

Yes, goats can be slightly browner and have dark spots even when clean. But especially after sunset, it takes a Shepherd to distinguish between a sheep and a goat.

Does this sound familiar? Jesus said only at harvest will you be able to separate the wheat and weeds.

In the same way, only King Jesus will know if a person is really following the King or just pretending to follow the King.

Jesus is giving you a loud wake-up call.

Because most of us assume we're the sheep.

If I ask you who are the goats, many will say, "Oh, that's easy, Bo. My materialistic officemate, my homosexual neighbor, and my cousin who curses in every sentence she says..."

Why? *We believe too much in our own discernment.* We quote a Bible verse and we think we know. (Just to remind you, the Pharisees were Bible scholars—they memorized every verse in their Bible—but Jesus said their judgments were really bad.)

Our capacity to judge glitches is more than you know.

Our mind has a virus. It's called pride. We're blinded and make wrong judgments all the time.

On the Last Day, I believe all of us will eat humble pie.

The guy you thought was a goat? The dude who you believed had a one-way ticket to Hell? You might just be surprised.

Judge Jesus might just say, "He's a sheep. He was following me."

Here's what we need to do:

Stop judging. *Delegate all judgment—even self-judgment—to Judge Jesus.* Only He knows if you're a sheep or goat. Only He knows if another person is a sheep or goat.

The Prophet Jeremiah said, "*The human heart is deceitful above all things.*" (17:19 KJV). That's why every single day, submit to the CT (Computed Tomography) Scan of the Spirit—like a three-dimension. Do an examination of conscience, and pray with the Psalmist, "*Search me, O God, and know my heart...*" (139:23 NLT)



Trust Judge Jesus

Does the idea of *Jesus as Judge* make you uncomfortable?

Face it. People don't like thinking of Jesus as Judge. We'd rather picture Jesus as our Savior, Healer, Provider, and Miracle Worker.

But Judge? Nah. That makes us nervous.

But Jesus as Judge on Judgment Day is supposed to be good news. How come? Think about it. The Jesus who forgave the woman caught in adultery, and the Jesus who ate with tax collectors and drunkards and prostitutes, and the Jesus who befriended the Samaritan woman with five husbands—is the same Jesus who will be our coming Judge. *This Judge loves you.*

God's Love Will Change You

This passage is controversial among Evangelicals because it seems to contradict Paul's teaching that salvation is by grace and not by works.

Because in the story, the Judge didn't ask, "Did you accept Jesus as personal Lord and Savior?"

Instead, what determined Kingdom entrance was how one treated the poor and sick and prisoners.

But this entire debate comes from a wrong expectation that the Bible is a Systematic Theology Textbook. It's not. The Bible was written by different authors writing to different churches with different pastoral needs.



***To be a Jesus Follower,
you're saved by Grace
—and this Grace transforms
you to do good works.***

And this teaching is consistent in Matthew. All throughout the Gospel, Jesus talked about how our works have consequences.

Mark these words. Our Catholic Faith has always taught that Matthew and Paul are two sides of the same coin: *To be a Jesus Follower, you're saved by Grace—and this Grace transforms you to do good works.*

God loves you, yes, but it's not just a warm, fuzzy, harmless love. *God's Love is dangerous; If you allow it, Gods' Love will change you forever.*

My dear friend, will you let His Love turn your life upside-down?

Will you let Him change your purpose? Your values? Your schedule? Your priorities? Your habits? Your attachments? Your very identity?

‘I Will Teach You To Be Truly Human’

As we enter into Worship today, Jesus comes to us as He came to the Samaritan woman, and Matthew, and Zacchaeus, and Mary Magdalene. He finds us in our mess, and in our sin-- and if I were to paraphrase, He says, “Come, I will teach you to be truly human.”

Remember how shocked the sheep were when the King told them what they did? They said, *‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you?’* (v.37)

To be truly human is to be so self-giving, you forget about what good things you do—because it has become second nature.

Jesus shows us not just by words but by His life—He takes up our place on the Cross. *Jesus shows us what it means to be the righteous sheep by being the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

I invite you to see Jesus as both Judge and Savior. *Jesus is not judging you based on your past sins but on your trust in Him.* That He can turn you around. That His resurrection will be your resurrection too. God wants you to have eternal life—to enjoy Him forever. He wants you to be His partner. He wants to be in a relationship with you. That's what He predestined you from the beginning.



Mercy Ministries

PAG-ASA NG PAMILYA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Gifts of Hope

THE Coronavirus Disease (COVID) continues to wreak havoc worldwide.

As of this writing, COVID cases are rising so that now we still have Quarantine Alert Level 3, prohibiting mass gatherings such as Masses, sports, and school classes.

Amid the dire situation, our Mercy Ministry for out-of-school youth, the Pag-asa ng Pamilya, has been able to continue giving gifts of scholarships to students in need.



Spearheaded by Bro. Rey Ortega, longtime member of our Light of Jesus Family, Pag-asa ng Pamilya Scholarship Foundation gives financial assistance to indigent but persevering students to obtain high school and collegiate education.

Aside from scholarships for regular academic courses, Pag-asa provides more opportunities for the scholars.

Livelihood Courses. For students who cannot go through the formal four- or five-year college courses, Pag-asa provides opportunities for technical/vocational education—so that they may have a livelihood to earn income and help their family make both ends meet.

Motivational Seminars. Pag-asa also holds motivational seminars for the scholars to encourage them to pursue their dreams.

Religious Vocation. The Foundation also encourages the scholars to enter the seminary or houses of formation for religious sisters.

Welcome!

COVID may have put on hold face-to-face classes, but our Pag-asa scholars have been able to continue their studies.

Last September, during a Zoom meeting of the Pagasa ng Pamilya Scholarship Foundation, Bro. Hermie Morelos, chairman of our Light of Jesus Mercy Ministries, welcomed the latest batch of Pag-asa scholars.



Yes, whether it's school-at-home, or *live*, face-to-face schooling, our scholars are able to continue their studies as they continue to receive financial assistance from Pag-asa ng Pamilya. Yes, the scholars and their families continue to receive gifts of Hope.



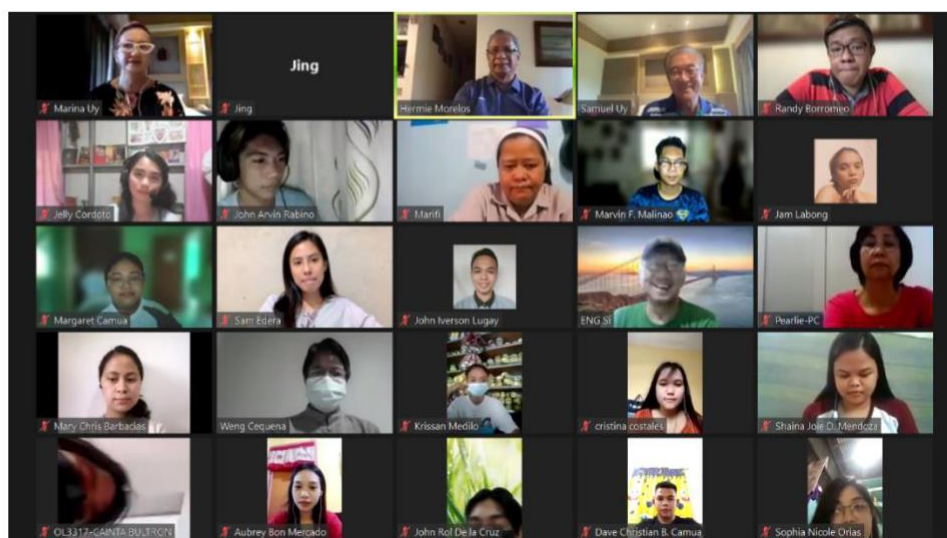
Bro. Samuel Uy, president of Pagasa ng Pamilya Scholarship Foundation, happily pointed out that Pag-asa has 104 active scholars--

18 in the Elementary level, 40 in high school, and 46 in college.

He also announced a generous gift for the beneficiaries: an addition of P4,000 to the allowance of the scholars.

Bro. Samuel said: "During these past months, we are all coping-- just hoping that we are coping well in the midst of this Pandemic. It's been one year. I just hope and pray that the Pandemic will end so we can all go back to our normal activities." If you feel the

Lord is calling you to support our youth, you may deposit your donation to Pag-asa's BDO account 3970 0594 58.





Blessings

Facing the Challenges of School-from-Home

By IRENE E. DABAN

I AM a teacher at the Victoria Elementary School in Sta. Fe, Leyte.

The Coronavirus Disease (COVID) Pandemic has posed challenges for me day after day. To curb the spread of the disease, the government has prohibited mass gatherings – including face-to-face school classes.

So, if the new normal for employees is what's called work-from-home, for students, it's school-from-home.

My challenge has been to think of ways how to help parents to be teachers for their children. I have to plan lessons for them. I have to be creative, more resourceful in providing the most appropriate and effective instructional materials that will make learning possible and easier for my pupils.

I've been able to do my job as I keep in mind the promise in my favorite Bible verse, Psalm 46:1 *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble."*

Thus, aside from the academics, I've been able to share to parents and learners this truth: That God will always make a way to help us survive our ordeal. I always remind them to lean on God and trust Him that amid these difficult times, His amazing ways will prevail.

And true enough, God has always been present for us through the overwhelming, unceasing, and constant support and guidance of family, colleagues, friends, relatives, and the government as well.

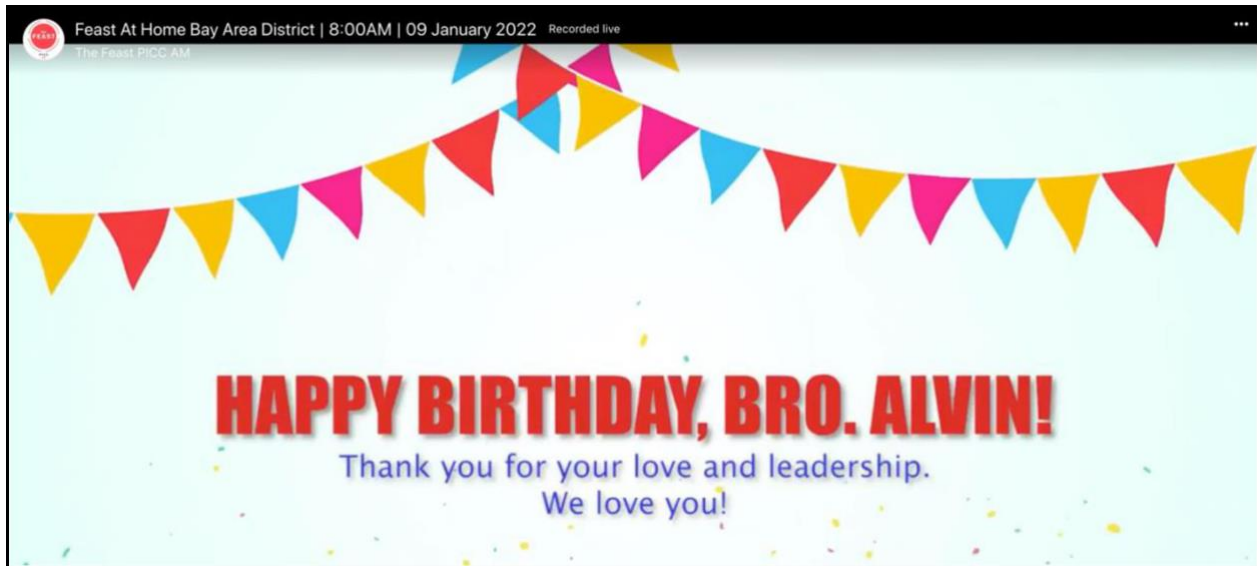
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Greetings!



Bro. Alvin Barcelona, longtime devoted member of our Light of Jesus Family, now Builder of Feast Bay Area District, claiming the promise in Jeremiah 30:17:

I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, centered his Ministry on the inspiring theme, “*Mayroong Magandang Mangyayari sa ‘yo!’*”

The Feast last Sunday, January 9, 2022, honored Bro. Alvin on the occasion of his Birthday, with greetings from our leading Feast Builders.
Joyful, Bountiful Birthday Blessings, Bro. Alvin!





One word to describe Bro. Alvin: *fatherly*. Not because he is so much older than me or more mature than me. But I lost my dad at a relatively young age—at the age of 25. And since then, I’ve always been looking for father figures and Bro. Alvin happens to be one of them. You are somebody who is not afraid to tell me the truth, who accepts me for who I am and who constantly guides me. Thank you, Bro. Alvin, for being there not just for me but for my family as well. My declaration for you is *Mayroong Magandang Mangyayari sa ‘yo!* God bless you, Bro. Alvin. I love you.



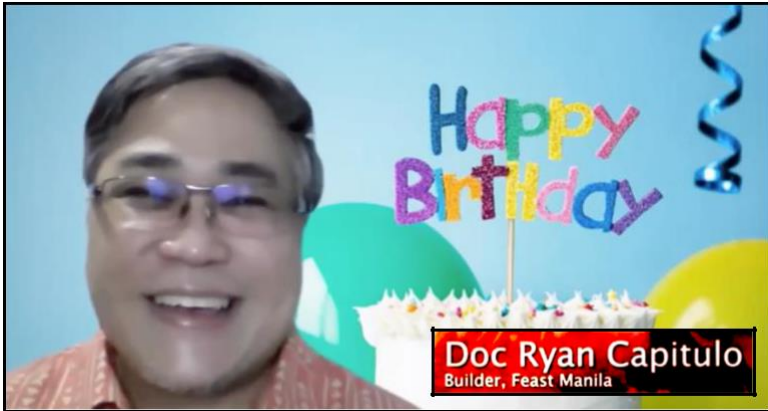
I pray for you for a very healthy holy, wealthy, happy birthday And more birthdays to come, more services to come, and more concerts that we are going to do in the coming days. God bless you and we love you, Bro. Alvin.



One word for me to describe Bro. Alvin is *genius*. I love the different aspects of your life-- the knowledge that you have in music, artistry, humor, your experiences, your work in the past-- you have put them all together every time you preach-- your faith, your testimony— they all come out as one cohesive, strong message about God’s goodness and love. So, in one word, *genius*.



One word that would describe you, Bro. Alvin, is *servant*. You have a great heart for service—to your family, your fellow Feast builders, the entire Feast.



Bro. Alvin, you are always on the go, and you are always ready to give your all to serve your family, your work, and your ministry. Amazing. Inspiring. And so, my prayer for you is for the Lord to give so much energy for so many years so you can continue blessing others.



We celebrate your life and we thank you for your leadership. Thank you for showing us Jesus, and thank you as well for empowering us at The Feast Bay Area District. I pray for another year of blessings, protection, and breakthroughs will happen in your life. As you continue to bless more people.



Bro. Alvin, happy, happy birthday! I researched the meaning of your name. It means noble friend, of wise people. And wise and noble you really, really are. Your wisdom and nobility are so infectious. Thank you for being a friend to me, to my family, and to all. Thank you for being here. Love you.



Thank you so much, Bro. Alvin, for being a brother, a friend, a leader to all of us. We are thankful to God for the gift of you, Brother. May His Love continue to pour down to you and your loved ones as well. God bless you Bro. Alvin. We love you. And Happy, Happy Birthday!



FAMILY

Thank You!

The Feast Family, now organized as the **Feast Mercy Ministries**, is a spin-off ministry of the Light of Jesus Family founded by Bro. Bo Sanchez, earlier named as Kerygma Family, a unique online, non-physical, borderless, international community of friends who support each other's personal growth.

Partner beneficiaries of the Feast Mercy Ministries flourish because of your generous support. Thank you for being with us. We pray that you find your daily source of inspiration from the resources that we send to you.

We pray too that you may consider giving to The Feast Family. No gift is too small.

Thank you very much in advance for your gift. Our prayer is that God will continue to reward you as you give.

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Your monthly donation helps us continue extending support to our Light of Jesus spin-off organizations, including our partner beneficiaries. Your gift will sustain our operations and, we hope, help us reach out to the persons our Lord has called us to make disciples and give them renewed hope.

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