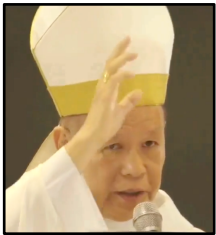




Resurrection Blessings!



THIS issue of *The Feast International* comes on the heels of the Light of Jesus Grand Easter Feast, March 31, 2024. So, yes, we come to you as God's Easter people-- or accurately, *Resurrection* creations.

In his homily, His Eminence Cardinal Jose Advincula said to be Easter people is to reach out and give the light of Jesus to many of our brothers and sisters who wish to see and discover the Lord.

Bro. Bo Sanchez centered his Grand Easter Feast special talk on the theme *Walk Back to Jerusalem*. And Jerusalem means Jesus' Resurrection.

Bro. Audee Villaraza gives another meaning of the Resurrection in our new Feast Talk series this April: *Raised to L.I. F.E.* He introduces what those four letters mean, *page 10*.



One who well defines Resurrection is The Feast Milan. We deeply thank Bro. Jerico 'Koi' Diaz for kindly sharing with us the amazing, edifying story of Milan, center of luxury fashion where yes, very much in fashion is the passion to make disciples for our Lord Jesus.



And another Resurrection sister is Sis. Elah Czarina Perez who is thankful because: "In my trying times during the Coronavirus Disease (COVID) Pandemic, someone listened to me." Her story starts on *page 6*.

Here, we share with you God's blessings.



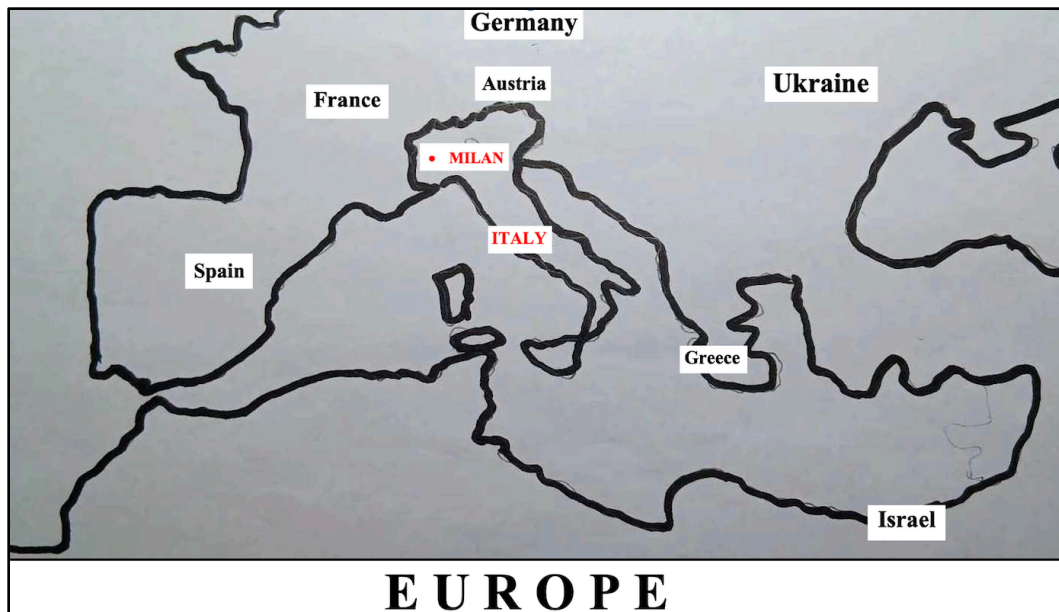
All Glory to God,

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FEAST LIGHT MILAN

Fashion and Passion



ARMANI, Prada, Versace... If you're a fashion fan, you know the headquarters of these famous luxury fashion brands are in Milan, Italy.

Milan is a city in northern Italy. Around 590 BC, a Celtic tribe (part of the Indo-European peoples), founded a settlement in the area under the name *Medhelanon*.

Around 222 BC, the Romans captured the settlement. The original language of the Romans was Latin. So, the name *Medhelanon* turned into the Latin *Mediolanum*-- meaning *middle plain* or *settlement amid the plain*.

Among the first recorded inhabitants of Italy were the Etruscans who were skilled craftsmen, metal workers, and merchants-- and because Italy is a peninsula surrounded by water, many were seafarers. Yes, fishermen.

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From Fishermen to Fishers of Men



In 380 CE, during the reign of the emperor Theodosius, Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire.

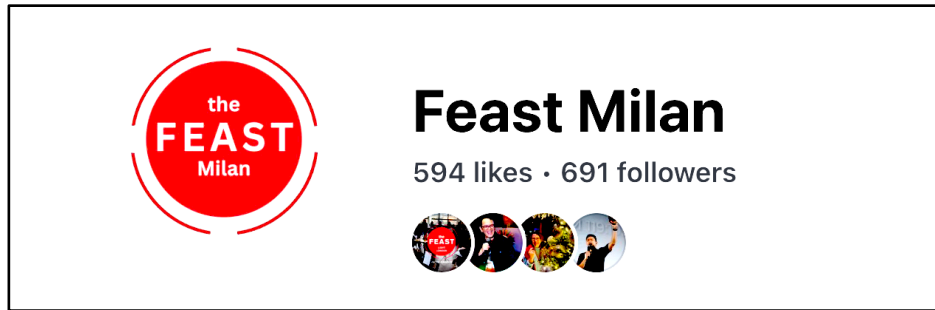
Like the early inhabitants of Italy, the Romans were farmers and fishermen. And because they were Christians, they were also *fishers of men*, following our Lord Jesus' mandate when He saw Peter and his brother Andrew fishing at the Sea of Galilee: “*Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men.*” (Mark 1:16-20).

Fast Forward to the Year 2015. Fishing for men continued to be a fashion in Milan as another group of fishers of men established The Feast there.

Actually, they were just two or three persons starting a prayer meeting in Milan called the Feast Video Milan--because they initially watched a video of the main Feast led by Bro. Bo Sanchez.

Eventually, they grew in number and they are now called The Feast Light Milan.





Feast Builder, Bro. Jerico 'Koi' Diaz, posted on Feast Light Milan's Facebook:

"Yes, we just celebrated our 9th Year Anniversary. Our first Feast Light Milan formerly (Feast Video Milan) started on March 19, 2015. Yes, 9 years later it was a roller coaster ride, with all the struggles and sacrifices, one thing is for sure God was in our journey from day one. That's why our theme for this celebration is "Grace to Grace". Despite our shortcomings and weaknesses, our faithful God is pouring the undeserved favor for us.



"We started with 2 to 3 persons, currently The Feast Milan is already a full-blown Feast in the center of Milan with *live* Worship and *live* Preaching. We expanded already in different locations in Italy too and we know that the best days are ahead of us. God is not done yet."



Sis. Elly Llanes Castillo, Bro. Koi's co-leader since 2015, describes Feast Light Milan: "There is a Home where I can always be myself, I can make mistakes and be forgiven, understood, accepted. There is a Home where I learn many things about life in all aspects: family, relationships, business, finances, spirituality, and community."

Grace to Grace



Year 9 blessings,
from top: moving Worship;
inspiring talk;
Feast Light Milan's
new home at Hotel Galileo.

Yes, Milan is a luxury
fashion center.

And yes, it is a center
of passion for fishing
for men to be disciples
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory to God!



MERCY MINISTRIES

*God blesses those who are merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

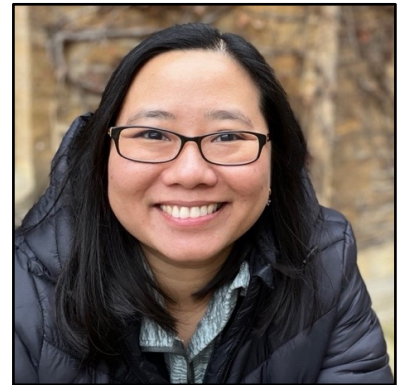
--Matthew 5:7

LIGHT OF JESUS PASTORAL CARE

Someone Listened to Me

By **ELAH CZARINA A. PEREZ**

THE Light of Jesus Pastoral Care is a 24/7 Ministry that provides psycho-spiritual support to the emotionally burdened. As described in an earlier article in *The FEAST FAMILY* on the Ministry, you may tap its online website and someone is there to attend to you any time of the day, and to provide emotional support amid your difficulties.



I am truly blessed to support this Ministry as a donor. But the truth is that LOJ Pastoral Care supported me first. In my trying times during the Coronavirus Disease (COVID) Pandemic, someone listened to me.

God Pursued Me

Just to backtrack a little, I would say my life was pretty normal. I'm fortunate to be born into a complete family of five, be educated in good schools, and be given an opportunity to build a career in accounting, auditing, and human resources. I was the youngest in the family and would say I was "trained to follow" what my parents, Andy and Polly, and my siblings, Leah and Ely, would ask me to do.

Someone Cares

My Nanay Polly is quite a disciplinarian, and when I was growing up, Sunday Mass has always been a part of our “obligation” to follow. She also reads inspirational publications, including the *Kerygma* magazine founded by Bro. Bo Sanchez, now called *The Feast*. She used to sell copies to her officemates (she’s now retired) and would also hand us her copy when she was done. My favorite portion was *The BOss*, the editorial column of Bro. Bo.



In time, I started working and became busy with my career.

But we all know how relentless God is when He pursues us.

He would not let you go astray from Him. By His grace, a friend at my workplace was a servant of The Feast Bay Area being held at the Philippine International Convention Center. Around 2012, she invited me, and some others as well, to attend The Feast. When I learned that Bo Sanchez was preaching, I was happy to join. In 2013, I attended my first Jesus Encounter Seminar—which provided more insights about the Light of Jesus (LOJ) Community and its mission to make disciples.

When I joined the LOJ Community, the good news became more and more clear to me: Christianity is having a close relationship with Jesus and being Jesus to others. Sunday Mass is not an obligation but a great Sacrament where I can receive Jesus. Reading the Bible is not necessarily boring. There are exciting stories in the Old Testament! And a lot more.

Journeying with this Community was re-awakening and refreshing. But we all know that the faith journey will almost always include burdens and challenges that would make you seek and long for *pastoral care*.

You see, I met the love of my life during this journey. We got married, but issues surfaced during the COVID Pandemic, causing both of us emotional stress leading to separation. I planned to go abroad...

There was one day in March 2021 when I just needed someone to talk to – someone who would not have any bias about my situation and someone who could pray for me. I sent a message to the LOJ Pastoral Care Center through Facebook Messenger-- and as promised, a “duty carer” responded to me, listened to my woes, prayed, and cared for me.

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Who Takes Care of the Carers?

The problems did not really go away, but I felt the joy and peace of the Holy Spirit. Having experienced this pastoral care, I realized this Ministry is a blessing to people needing relief from their emotional wounds. In one of my prayer times, there was a prompting to support the Ministry.

I guess this was because, at the back of my mind, I have been asking:

Who cares for the duty carers?

So, in October 2021, to celebrate my birthday, I did an online fundraising which I called #100Kin20days – with LOJ Pastoral Care as one of the two beneficiaries, each to receive P50,000 or more (depending on the amount raised).

My tagline was, “Facebook said I have more than 2,000 friends. If each would donate at least P50, I could pull this off.”

Miraculously, the funds raised were greater than P100,000!

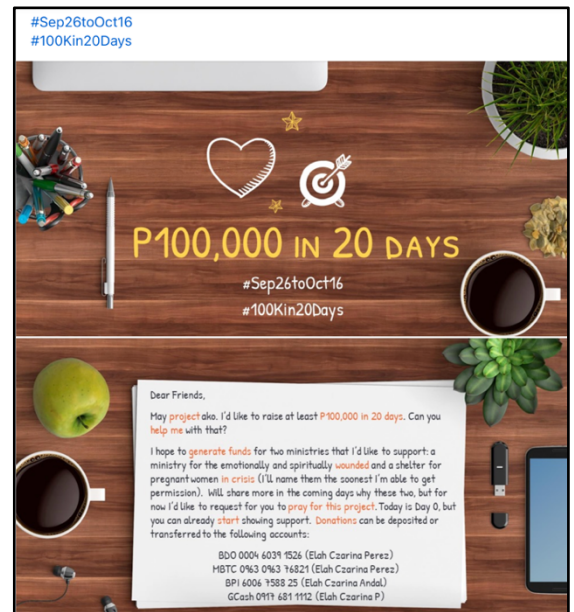
Time passed by. Faith journey continued. New work opportunities came. And the plan to go abroad materialized. I moved to the United Kingdom. But the call to do regular financial support for this Ministry still popped into my prayer time. And so, beginning May 2023, I pledged to make monthly financial support to the LOJ Pastoral Care.



Around this time, I learned that, Sis. Michele Alignay would be leading this Ministry. It was like a confirmation from Jesus that I was doing the right thing.

Ichel, as I fondly call her, happens to be my sister’s friend who became my doctor-counselor (she turns into a harsh friend as necessary, ha-ha!). Ichel and I would make time to chat about our life updates, and she would provide me counsel, encouragement, and suggestions on how I could overcome my situation.

Don’t be blown away with the “monthly” pledge-- it’s not really a lot. But it comes from a willing heart that responds to a call and a heart that seeks to be pure.



Jesus Got My Back

Throughout my faith journey, I learned that while there are big challenges that come my way, there are bigger blessings alongside them. And that these blessings aren't something we keep to ourselves. Rather, they are meant to be shared.

And somehow, the blessings keep on coming back. Proverbs 11:25 is so true, after all. It says: *"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."*



Bro. Aga and Sis. Vina Estrada planted The Feast Light Basingstoke years ago, so I can belong to a spiritual family. If you're in the UK, feel free to come and join us. We meet on Saturdays at St. Bede's School, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As I write this, I am still away from home and from my family. Problems still come my way. Difficult situations still arise. I still struggle and will still likely struggle. But one thing's for sure: Jesus got my back.

And for that, I am truly grateful. To God be the glory!

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THIS MONTH



WELCOME to our Special Mini-series:

Raised to L.I.F.E!

For the next four Sundays, we will study and explore what it truly means to be resurrected through Jesus.

What does it look like to be raised to *life* with Jesus?

You experience a profound increase in terms of *Love, Identity, Fulfillment*, and an understanding of *Eternity*.

Talk 1: *Love* looks at the meaning of Love through the lens of Peter.

Meanwhile, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard.

A servant girl came over and said to him, "You were one of those with Jesus the Galilean." ⁷⁰ But Peter denied it in front of everyone. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

⁷¹ Later, out by the gate, another servant girl noticed him and said to those standing around, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷² Again Peter denied it, this time with an oath. "I don't even know the man," he said.

⁷³ A little later some of the other bystanders came over to Peter and said, "You must be one of them; we can tell by your Galilean accent." ⁷⁴ Peter swore, "A curse on me if I'm lying—I don't know the man!" And immediately the rooster crowed.

⁷⁵ Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he went away, weeping bitterly. (Matthew 26:69-75 NLT)

The key message: "*Become Love.*"

Be very blessed,

Audee Villaraza



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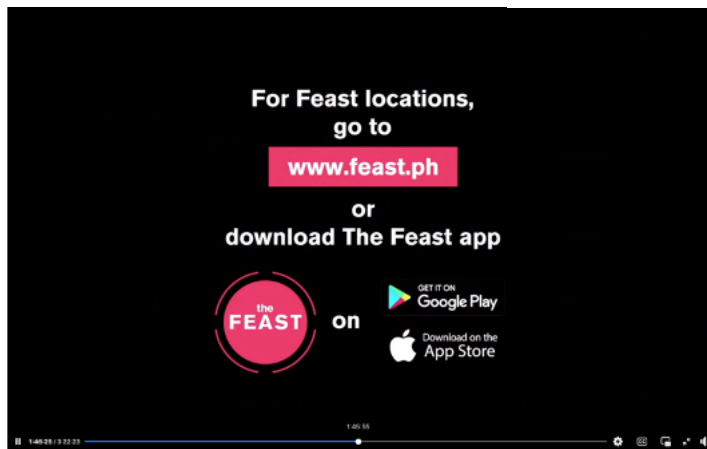
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