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Love, Feast Valentine

IT'S February, the Heart Month, as we celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14. The celebration may now be quite commercial but we know that this day is a feast—the Feast Day of Saint Valentine of Rome.

Legend has it that during his time, soldiers were forbidden to get married. Upholding the sacrament of marriage, Valentine performed weddings for Christian soldiers. He was imprisoned and sentenced to be executed. He performed a miracle-- restoring the sight of the jailer's blind daughter. And before his execution, he wrote her a farewell letter which he signed *Your Valentine*. In time that has come to mean *Your Love*.

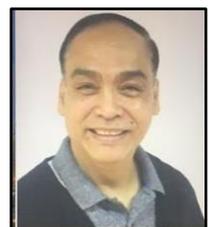
This issue of *The Feast International* is also all about Love.

We focus on The Feast Perth which marks its 10th Founding Anniversary this February 11. Sis. Fema Cuadras, Feast Perth team head, tells *The Feast International* the Coronavirus Disease (COVID) and the Pandemic New Normal may be upsetting, but Feast Perth actually *loves* its New Normal. Why? Read on, *page 2*.

Sis. Tere Ruffie, Feast Perth Intercessory Ministry head, shares two loves—true love with her husband Rodolphe and love for her Ministry and its beneficiaries, *page 10*.

Our founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez, introduces a new Feast Talk series titled *Fulfilled*—about what our Lord Jesus really meant when He fulfilled His mission to make us feel God's Love, *page 22*.

Welcome to Feast Valentine!



All for His Glory,
VIC ESPAÑOL
Region Head
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FEAST PERTH YEAR 10

Loving Our New Normal

By FEMA CUADRAS



NEW NORMAL may connote, to say the least, a disconcerting way of life as we continue to struggle through the Coronavirus Disease (COVID) onslaught. For Feast Perth, our *New Normal* is not as devastating, as it is actually divine.



Because of its geographical location, Perth is quite secluded from the rest of Australia. Flying to Sydney, or Melbourne, or Brisbane from Perth is just like flying to as far as Singapore, or Malaysia, or Indonesia.

And during this COVID Pandemic, we are the strictest of all states of Australia about opening our borders.

But now that we are going online, we feel closer than ever to our sister-Feasts.

Feast Perth started on February 11, 2012. So, this February 11, 2022, we mark our 10th Founding Anniversary. It's the Love Month, so, I am sharing why amid the COVID Crisis, we *love* our New Normal.

Beginnings

In a previous *The Feast International* issue, I already narrated Feast Perth's beginnings. For those who missed my story, here's a *flashback*...

In Manila, I earned a degree in Accounting and became a certified public accountant (CPA). For career development and yes, a more comfortable family life, I migrated to Perth.

In Perth, one day, two Filipino migrants in Australia were having coffee at the home of Arnold Pedro, another Pinoy migrant.

The two ladies, Grace dela Fuente and Catalina 'Leny' Nolasco, happened to be attending the Light of Jesus Family prayer meetings when they were still in Manila.

As they chatted, they mused, "We need spiritual support we received in LOJ."

Arnold also shared he needed such nourishment.

Long story short, that coffee day served as a stimulant for Feast Perth which started on February 11, 2012. The event began as a Feast Video. The group first gathered at the St. Jude Parish Centre in Langford and watched a video of the talk of Bro. Bo Sanchez.

Like Grace and Leny, I was already a member of the Light of Jesus Family before coming to Australia. At first, I hesitated to migrate. I asked for a sign that if God really wanted me to migrate, I would be able to still serve Him abroad.

In 2012, I served at the Grand Easter Feast held at the SMX Convention Center in Manila. The bulletin distributed during The Feast featured the "baby" and "toddler" Feasts in 2012. And one of them was — are you ready for this?— Feast Perth!

I then felt this was clear and present message that God was blessing my plan.

I arrived in Perth in April 2013, and eventually found my way to Feast Perth.

And seven years after, in Year 2020, as God would have it, I found myself already serving as team head of Feast Perth!

Currently with me is an amazing dynamic team, *from left:* Marian dela Fuente, assistant team head and Feast coordinator; Rosalie Samia, Music and Worship Ministry head; Leny Nolasco,

Grace dela Fuente, Mond Samia, Manolet Barrera, Arnold and Mima Pedro, Council members.



COVID Onslaught

We celebrate our 10th year with deep gratitude to our Great God as since Day 1, He has showered us with bountiful blessings.

Before the Coronavirus Disease (COVID) Pandemic, we held *live* Feast Perth prayer gatherings once every quarter of the year.

In December 2019, we heard about severe cases of pneumonia in Wuhan City, China.

The following month, January, the start of year 2020, we heard the word *coronavirus*, name of the virus causing those pneumonia cases.

By the end of January-- January 30, 2020-- the World Health Organization (WHO) was already informing the world an outbreak of a “Public Health Emergency of International Concern.”

The following month, in February 2020, Feast Perth marked its 8th Anniversary, when COVID was just lurking in the corners of Australia.

On March 11, 2020, WHO declared a COVID Pandemic. Perth promptly went into lockdown. We heard the words *wear masks, observe physical distancing, the New Normal*.

But I believe God already prepared a great plan for us, that not even COVID can stop it.

Being Brave



Here we are celebrating our 8th Anniversary in 2020, aptly centered on the theme *Brave*. Brave not just to battle the Pandemic but brave to continue with the journey and with the mission of bringing God’s love to His people no matter what.

As We Are

When the lockdown began, I remember, I wrote a note to Feast Perth that all our events would continue but would be done online. Suddenly, we looked for ways to connect online. Chat groups became active more than ever. Light Group meet-ups and Council meetings went online via Facebook and Zoom.

Our first online Feast was in March 2020. Still under lockdown, we were treading into an unknown world battling an invisible enemy. We centered our gathering on the theme *Come As You Are*. It was a powerful Feast, followed by online Light Group discussions.



The following year, 2021, we were happy to celebrate Feast Perth's 9th Founding Anniversary on February 20, 2021, centering on the theme *In the Beginning*. Indeed, this was the promise of a new beginning as we moved to a new venue for our Feast events at the St. Vincent's Parish Church, Parmelia, Western Australia.



New Normal

Yes, *New Normal* may mean cumbersome, if not totally difficult life. But as I said, Feast Perth loves *our* New Normal.

Here, for God's glory, I share our super New Normal.

- 1. New Ministries.** As we struggled to respond to the challenges of the COVID Pandemic, we eventually came up with streamlined Feast Perth ministries.

Creatives. Behind our first online gathering were countless hours spent in recording of worship songs, the talk, and the sharing testimony-- and putting all these together in one video. Quickly, we had to learn how to shoot the various parts of the Feast, how to edit the video, and learn the technical stuff with sounds so we could deliver a good online output. We also considered buying new equipment to produce good results. Thank God for provisions!



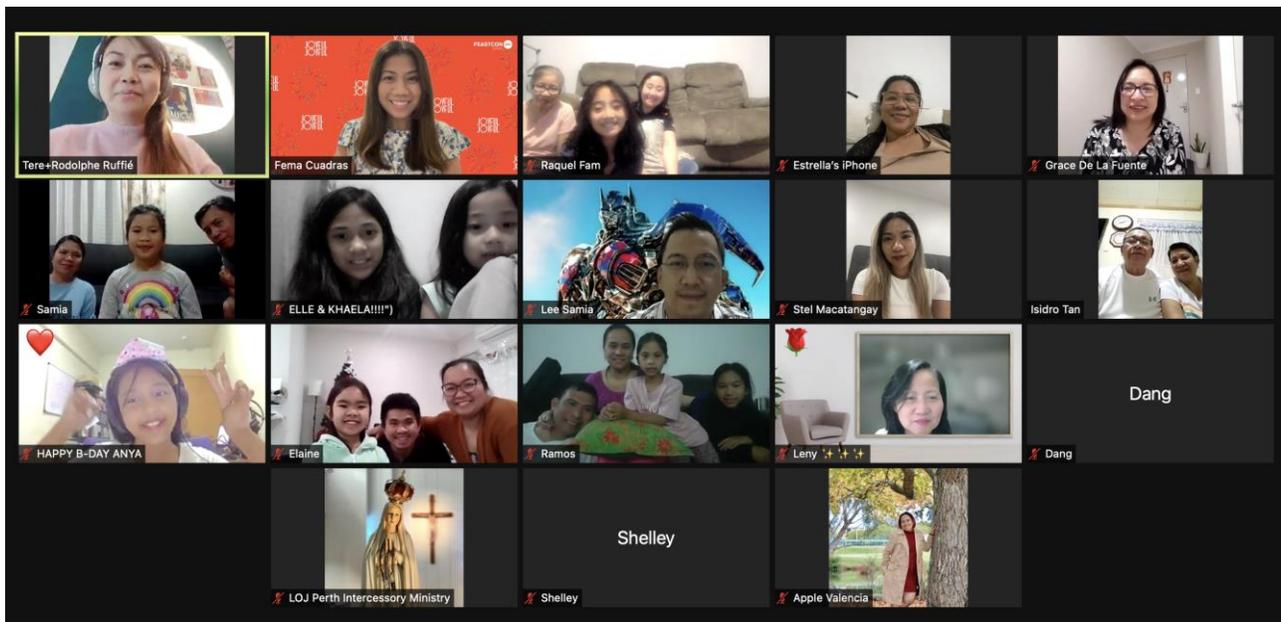
It was challenging at first but very interesting, and to this day, we are learning and learning more as we now do the *live* online streaming of our Feast event which, from quarterly, has now become bi-monthly. And thus, the birth of our technical Creatives Team headed by Sis. Marian dela Fuente.

Intercession. Though largely physical, the Pandemic is a spiritual battle too. What more can help us than the power of prayers as we surrender to our Great God who holds our future.

The hunger to connect and pray together as one Feast Perth Family grew. Thus, while in lockdown, in this dark moment of humanity, and with the leading of the Holy Spirit, our Intercessory Ministry, our powerhouse, was born in May 2020.

Currently, some of our leaders are part of the online Bible Study sessions by Feast Makati.

Moreover, our Intercessory Ministry team started weekly prayer sessions. More than ever, we felt God's ever-loving grace, Mama Mary's warm embrace. Indeed, prayers unlock the doors of Heaven, outpouring God's blessing upon us.



Fruits of our prayers led our Intercessory Ministry to Consecration of our group to Jesus through Mama Mary. Our Sunday Rosary devotion has now turned into a daily Rosary devotion. The power of prayer is sustaining us.

Above, Sis. Teresa Ruffie, Intercessory Ministry head, leads members during Holy Rosary Devotion in May 2021.

What's more, we've been able to reach out and minister to some of our members who are back in the Philippines as they have also been attending our weekly online Holy Rosary sessions and Intercessory Ministry sessions.

And, of course, we now playfully call our Intercessory Ministry as our *International Ministry*.

Awesome Kids. Our kids in the Community began to lead the Rosary too and they also underwent a Marian Consecration.

This gave birth to our Kids Ministry, headed by Sis. Elaine Diaz.



2. New World. The Pandemic brought Feast Perth closer to the rest of the Feast Oceania region and other international Feasts.

At the start of the Pandemic, we saw Feast events going online.

This gave us the opportunity to see our other sister-Feasts.

Retreats and conferences are also going online so we are able to be part of them, not just as attendees but as servants as well.

Feast Perth was able to serve in such big events as the Feast Conference, Love Life Retreat, and Jewels Conference. Today, we are able to attend online Jesus Encounter seminars of Feast Makati and the online Lenten retreats as well.



Here, Feast Perth holding Jesus Encounter seminar on July 25, 2021. This was a powerful gift of the Holy Spirit. The fire of love and service was again ignited for Feast Perth servants as the gifts of the Holy Spirit manifested during the event.

We are grateful to our sister-Feasts-- Feast Makati, Feast Melbourne, and Feast Kuala Lumpur for supporting us through their powerful intercession all day. Prayer works wonders!



We culminated Year 2021 on December 10, 2021, with Praise and Worship, and Fellowship Acoustic Night, thanks to our Music Ministry. Plus, Feast Perth members inspiring us with heartwarming testimonies on God's goodness for them.



3. ReNEWed Faith. *Here* we are with

Bro. Hermie Morelos, Feast Oceania overseer, and his wife Sis. Reng on their pastoral visit, celebrating with us our Grand Feast in 2019.

The event centered on the theme *Limitless Miracles*—indeed what God has bestowed on Feast Perth from our birth 10 years ago in February 2012, to our 10th Year Anniversary this February 2022.

In his talk, Bro Hermie said, “Trust and obey! With His limitless provisions, God will provide for your needs in extra ways. After the drought, God always sends the rain. In your Ministry, you might be feeling alone with the many tasks you have to do. Trust and obey! The place of isolation can become the place of revelation.”

In this, our New Normal, our faith is yes, well reNEWed. We are surviving this Pandemic because of God’s His unconditional Love, His limitless blessings. In silence, we hear Him as we draw closer to Him especially in these dark trying times.

So, we hold on to God’s promise that His faithfulness will bring us to the great destiny that He has for us. If He has bestowed His graces upon us during this Pandemic, there is no doubt that He will bless us with more as we do our best to serve Him through our Feast Perth Community. God is faithful and will be faithful. And we stand on His promise that the best is yet to come.

Because Love Month or not, God loves us.

To God be the glory!



BLESSINGS

Around the World *Searching for a **Loving Home*** By **TERE RUFFIE**



I WAS born in Manila on October 6, 1978. My mother left when I was barely two years old. My sister Darlene and I, we were raised by our paternal grandmother.

To say that I didn't struggle would be a lie. I just practically hid my ordeal under the cloak of affability. I must say when I was growing up, it was easy for people to see that I was a breezy, cheerful child. But inside, I was battling with insecurity, loneliness, trauma, and unhealthy attachment patterns—among the list of what comes eminent when in a dysfunctional environment.

Beautiful Life

2001. The year I first heard about the Light of Jesus (LOJ) Community.

A couple of decades ago, Darlene, who had become a single mom, made a wise move in the midst of her own life battles. She looked for a community, for a support, a place to belong to. She found a telephone number in a book she read, *You Can Make Your Life Beautiful* by Bo Sanchez. She eventually joined the Light of Jesus Family and became a member of its sub-group for single women professionals called Esther (from the biblical Esther, the young Jewish woman who becomes queen).



Super Blessed

Darlene joined the Makati branch of Esther. And it did not take long before she invited me to join her in one of its prayer meetings. I couldn't find an excuse to turn down my sister's invitation, so I went with her. And I was grateful that I did because, at the LOJ Esther prayer meetings, I've met genuinely kind, loving, fun, and empowered women of God.

The regular gathering begins with praise and worship to God. Then a talk, then some testimonies from fellow sisters that refresh and recharge you from the week's work. It is also through Esther Makati that I was able to participate in retreats and outreach programs with opportunities to meet, bond, with other sisters in the Community, and serve the Lord.

Early on, I never turned down other invitations from my sister because, in every event, I felt good—with the worship music (often contemporary), the stories, sharing, and activities, the authenticity, and vulnerability of the sisters, the food during the fellowship, the caring, and loving vibe.

At right, here we are super blessed at the Kerygma Conference 2013.

I witnessed how the LOJ Community—because of the saintly souls serving this spiritual family—became a huge part of my sister's life. I perceived the remarkable changes and growth in her personal and spiritual life by being part of the LOJ Family. And in my heart, deep down, I knew I also needed a spiritual overhaul and growth. I also needed a place for my heart to call *Home*.

The LOJ Community is organized into various regions, districts, and chapters. My sister lives in Laguna, so she joined the LOJ South Chapter, and so, that was my first LOJ chapter too. As part of LOJ's growth, Bo Sanchez established The Feast, LOJ's Sunday faith gathering, and I automatically became part of the heart of the entire LOJ family: the Caring Group, now called Light Group. The care group's core was similar to Esther Makati prayer meetings but in a much smaller group. There were 10 members in our group.

In 2001, the same year I learned about LOJ, I began working in Southeast Asia. I got to attend our prayer and worship gatherings only whenever I would return to the Philippines. My sister kept me in the Community's loop though, consistently sending me copies of the LOJ's inspirational magazines: *Fish* and *Kerygma*, Bo Sanchez's books. She signed me up as a *Soulfood* subscriber and a tither. And inspired with her ceaseless stories on the Esther happenings during our Skype calls.



Disaster

Still, I felt guilty of being lukewarm about it all-- going to church for an hour and attending prayer meetings and then not thinking about God the rest of the week-- unless I needed something.

During the years that followed, working overseas with my concealed heart and battling the temptations around me unarmed with spiritual shield and armor, I was bound for a disaster.

I did not pay attention to the importance of surrounding myself with people who consistently grow in their faith. I made no effort to seek help with regard to healing my emotional scars. I made no effort to soak myself in prayer.

Rather, I became complacent and was glaringly unresolved to change my wrongdoings. I sacrificed my values, justified being in sinful relationships, and allowed myself to conform to the ways of the world. That time, I was living in an environment that gauged success by accumulating material belongings. Inescapably, material things were my stopgap solution, my band-aid for my deeply wounded heart.

Rescue

By 2012, I was already living for almost nine years in Shanghai, China. After an immensely awful separation from an ungodly relationship, I felt God's rescue came through for me. Yes, through my sister, Darlene. She arranged for me to join the *I Love Life* retreat in Tagaytay facilitated by the Light of Jesus Feast Makati.

I was happy to meet with some of the servants in the retreat— they were the same sisters from our Esther prayer meetings I met more than a decade back. This retreat was a life-altering sanctuary of my life. It was the most profound moment in my spiritual journey— where I made a vow to follow Jesus and allow Him to heal and fix the mess that I was.

Before I left this two-day retreat, it was evident in my heart what I was prepared to focus on going forward: building a deep personal relationship with Jesus, a consuming passion to serve Him in any way He pleases, and an eagerness to connect with fellow believers. From here on, my life was never the same again.

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True Love

In 2013, barely four months after my breakthrough retreat, God gave me my One True Love: Rodolphe. We got married in 2014.

Rodolphe is in the field of International Arbitration (International Business Law). In the past eight years, God blessed our marriage with the amazing opportunity to live in seven different cities across Asia, the United States, and Europe.

Regardless of geography, I found myself constantly yearning to find the Water for the seeds placed in my heart, to build a personal relationship with Jesus, to be His servant, and to connect with His followers.

Living in Geneva, Zurich, and Paris, I found the only English-speaking community and service -- a Christian Pentecostal church. I served in the Welcome Team and helped in cleaning the venue every Sunday.

Then I joined a small “Connect” group where I met serious Jesus-followers and mentors who encouraged and introduced me to the baby steps I could take to get to know Jesus through God’s Word. The Connect group became my circle during our short-term stay in the EU.

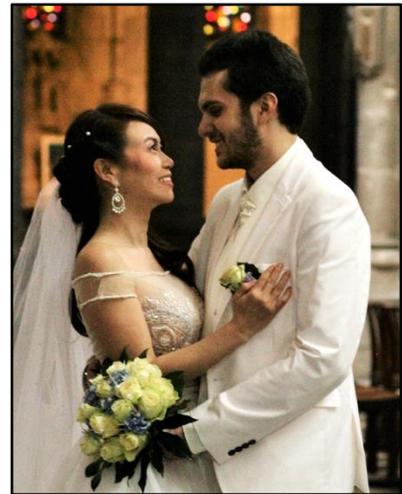
A Significant Decision

But I knew that God saw the ache in my heart to belong to a Catholic Church again. And so, the Holy Spirit would comfort me with the reminder that these were all temporary and that He has a spiritual home and family for me.

Towards the end of 2018, Rodolphe received promising work offers from five law firms in five different countries. We had to make a significant decision as to where we would be based in the coming years. Our options were Hong Kong, New Zealand, the United States, Dubai, and Australia.

Dwelling place for our spiritual health and the country’s culture/lifestyle were my major considerations in determining where to lay our roots. I did some research mainly on churches and communities available in the countries we’re deciding on. On The Feast website, I found that there were six Light of Jesus communities in Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane).

Rodolphe and I had a heart-to-heart talk and I recall feeling extremely grateful that throughout our dialogue we were on the same page: we were saying *Yes* to Australia, to Perth!



The Land Down Under

My husband and I fulfilled our dream to relocate to the Land Down Under by moving to Perth in March 2019. I was excited to finally have an opportunity to grow and spread my roots, and think long-term in the personal, professional, and spiritual aspects of my life. We were very excited. After all, this would be the first time in such a long time that we were going to live in one country for over a year.

On top of that, there wouldn't be any language barriers.

In my heart, I felt that it was already great just having the possibility of being "near"

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Melbourne/Sydney/Brisbane.



Because I still had to wait until I could visit the East Coast to experience the Light of Jesus, on my first Sunday in Perth, with great expectations, I went to a Pentecostal church I am familiar with, one that was closest to our new home.

Sadly, the giant "Welcome Home" banner at their foyer did not radiate the spirit of warmth to their Welcome team that I was yearning for. I was desperate to be connected. The following Sunday and the Sunday after that, I decided to still give it a try-- but still, it did not feel *home*.

I then went to the Sunday Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral and All Saints Chapel during weekdays and thought, for now, I would attend the Holy Eucharist there until I find my spiritual home. I fervently prayed while searching for communities.

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One morning in May 2019, on the verge of dispiritedness and going into hibernation from the waiting for my spiritual home, I searched *The Feast Perth* on Facebook. To this day, I know that it was the Holy Spirit's work.

I wish I have an answer to why I never had done this search way earlier. I guess God was building up the sweet surprise. And so, when I found out there was *actually* one, I just uttered in a shrieky voice, "Oh my goodness, there's Feast Perth!?!!!!"



At the heart of my happy disbelief, I dialed the number I found on Feast Perth's Facebook page. I immediately said *Yes!* to meet with the voice on the other line, Sis. Grace de la Fuente (*left*) one of the pioneers in the Community and Feast Perth Council member.

On the first Sunday of June, I attended The Feast Perth's *Live* gathering. *Below, at extreme left*, that's me, a Feast first-timer.



I believe that it was not mere happenstance that the theme on my very first *live* Feast in Australia was *COURAGE*. And with God's Spirit so powerfully moving, oh, how I immensely felt receiving courage that Sunday. It was a gentle, reassuring embrace from God as He reminded me to be courageous because He's got plans for me, and that it's just the beginning. My heart rejoiced; God truly is the best when it comes to timing.

Feast Perth was the first Feast community I met outside the Philippines. With my determined heart to get moving on with my desire to have a small group and have a spiritual family, I invited Sis. Marian dela Fuente (*right*), the assistant head of Feast Perth, to come to our home for a meal. At the end of our fellowship,



I requested to have a regular meet-up and fellowship, and she said that she would speak to our Group Leader, Sis. Fema, about my wish.



And voila, God made it happen! The Feast Perth Family brought me a deep sense of belonging, of security, acceptance, and connection. We organically became each other's accountability partners.

Here we are, my Light Group—front row, from left, Fema Cuadras, me, and Marian dela Fuente; back row, from left, Apple Valencia, Danica Carlos, and Noreen Galang.

My Light Group was a small but very powerful group under the gentle guidance of the Holy Spirit. The intimate sharing of our life-changing experiences with Christ fed my spirit and bonded me to our group immensely. Together, we learned from each other. Together, we uncovered friendship and fellowship beyond our expectations. I marveled that the sharing in our Light Group came naturally to many of us and by the end of the sharing moment, all of us were involved. Every one of us was a great support to each other with our life experiences, our journey in our faith, our life struggles, and life brokenness. We really came together as the faithful and ended up with some deep trusted relationships.

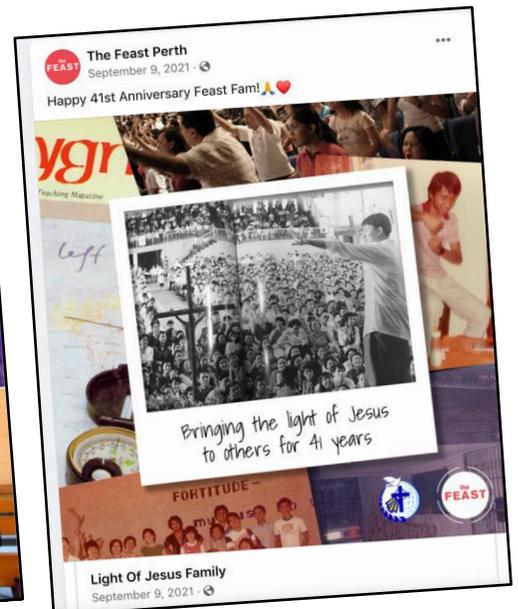
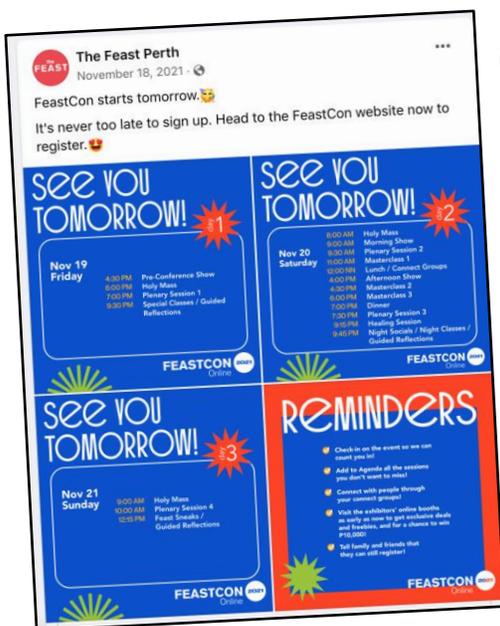
As Proverbs 27:17 puts it: As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Countless Blessings

The Feast Perth Family brought me true joy, gratefulness, and fortitude. The blessings are countless, but let me share the tops...



Spiritual Nourishment. With the gift to serve God through the Holy Eucharist, The Live Feast, and the Ministries within, not to mention the retreats and Bible study provided, I have been given so much and God's generosity has been manifested in His unceasing love, and the more I feel His love, the more healed I become.





Worldwide Family. The Feast Perth Family gave me the opportunity to meet many fellow believers in different parts of the world through our annual Feast Conference International.

Beyond the borders of Australia, I was able to connect and have had the liberty to reach out to fellow Feasters in many places which multiply the favors brought about by godly relationships and service.

My Feast Perth Family has added value to my life both on tangible and spiritual strands.

I am still blown away whenever we come together. I can truly feel that our common denominator as members isn't DNA, or looks, or brains, or affluence. Rather, it is based on our faith, on our relationship with the Lord. When we meet, we collectively think about ways to serve God, ways that we can do to make each other's life and the world a better place. I find it beautiful that it is normal for the Feast Perth Family to choose to spend some amount of time with each other each week.

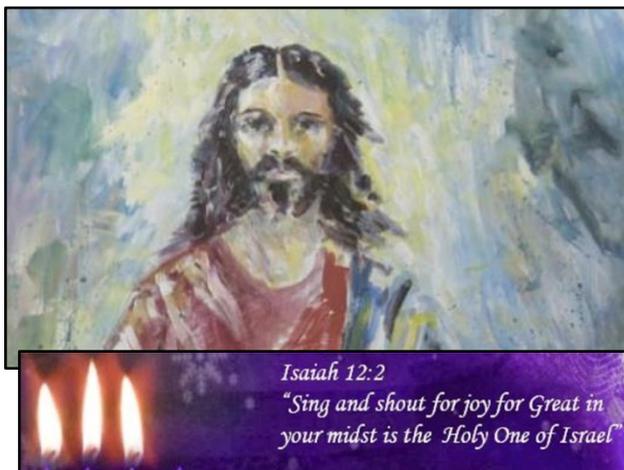
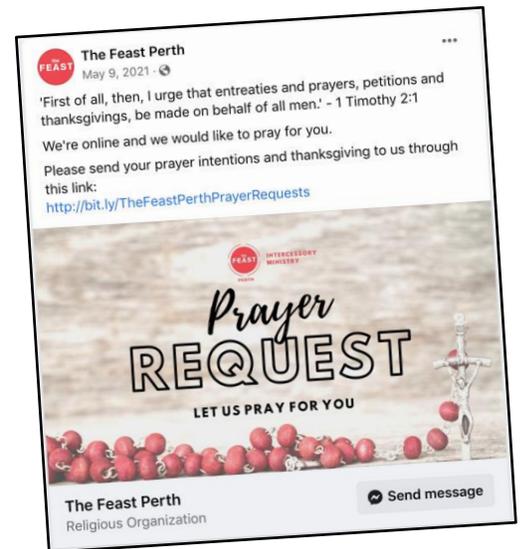
In the book of Hebrews, the author points to the main reason being part of a spiritual community is so important:

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another...” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Unconditional Love.

In Feast Perth, we encourage each other to be more loving. We build each other up and appreciate each other's contributions. We don't look for places to criticize, but rather we look for ways to praise each other. We realize that anything that we've achieved is a gift from God, and that leads us to be humbler. The more work of God we achieve, the more we decrease ourselves.

Healing. I have my personal journey of healing from traumas, addictions, and wounds caused by dysfunctional family relationships. Often with intense, shameful hurts, we do not know where to turn for help. This is one of the arenas where my mature spiritual family was able to support me. Feast Perth never abandoned me despite my dark side, they prayed for/with me, and loved me patiently. I recall how I kept looking around expecting to catch a glimpse of Jesus as I truly felt His Presence when we gathered around my Feast Perth!



Audience of One. Now, of course, no spiritual family is perfect. When human beings come together, we do some things well, and we fall short in other areas. We are fallible creatures. But overall, when we come together for the purpose of acknowledging that there is a higher power, that we do what we do for an Audience of One, and when we collectively think about how we can serve the world, something very special happens. Our desire to work toward “love and good deeds” comes alive.

Perth to Paris

I have lived abroad for half of my life now. In the wake of the Pandemic, we had to temporarily move back to Europe— to Paris.

At right, here I am with Rodolphe at the St. Therese de Lisieux Cathedral in France in October 2021.

As I write this, it's been over a year and a half since we left Perth. What has been keeping me mentally and spiritually healthy during the Coronavirus Pandemic?

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How?



During this lengthy portion of being lost, facing the great unknown in my life, these are God's rescue programs for my life:
Productive -busy Soul food via Zoom; Regular Light Group fellowship; Nightly Rosary Devotion; 33-Day Preparation to Consecrate to Jesus through Mary; Weekly Intercessory Prayer session + fellowship--

God called me to lead our Intercessory Prayer Team EVEN BEFORE Corona broke into our Planet!; plus Weekly Bible Study facilitated by Feast Taguig Builder.

God also assigned me to be part of the Music Ministry collaboration in Feast Europe.

I mean, seriously, ONLY GOD can do all these.
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Joy!

I am nothing without God. From John 15:5: *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*

My mostly introverted nature and character + longing to relate to His other children of the same faith.

It is only God who can console my ache because it is Him who placed that yearning desire in my heart.

There is nothing that is difficult for the Lord. He can and will always find ways for me to be found.

Finally, one of the greatest gifts I have received since I have found Feast Perth is our Intercessory Prayer Ministry.



My desire to have a personal relationship with Jesus, to be His servant, and to connect with His followers was powerfully answered through prayers with our committed intercessors. *Above, here* we are during a recent Zoom session.

Yes, ultimately, through Feast Perth, I received ample amount of spiritual nourishment that I need to live a better, happier, and holier life.

Today, there are many who forgo having a spiritual family. They are what some call “spiritual loners.” I was one for a time. I listen to the Gospel and read inspirational books on a regular basis.

I prayed and tried my best to serve others. I wasn’t, however, part of a spiritual community. I can tell you that there is something very hollow about that approach.

If you feel lost or alone and do not belong to any group, if you don’t have a spiritual community, consider looking for one.

My trust-filled hope is that if you find the right one, it will be as great a blessing in your life as it has been in mine.

And that you’ll be prepared to receive some real, down in the bones JOY.



THIS MONTH

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



We are still on the study of the Gospel according to Matthew. After the long-running Feast Talk series *The Clash*, we now have a new Feast Talk series titled *Fulfilled*. Based on Matthew 26, the talk is about the steps that yes, *fulfilled*, Jesus' mission toward the Cross.

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.

May your dreams come true,

Bo Sanchez

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Jeremiah 33 Foundation is a shelter for girls particularly victims of sexual abuse



Grace To Be Born is a halfway home for pregnant women in crisis.



He Cares Mission provides shelter for street children.

Pag-asa ng Pamilya Foundation gives scholarships to poor students.



Jesus Christ Cares for Cancer provides financial assistance and pastoral care for indigent cancer patients.

The Light of Jesus Pastoral Care Center ministers to those who are emotionally and spiritually wounded.



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