



JUNE 2022

June Is Bustin' Out All Over!

IF you're a fan of Broadway musicals, you know that our headline is the title of the popular song from the *Carousel* by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein.

The song, *June Is Bustin' Out All Over*, is an exuberant welcome to the beginning of summer in the western part of our world, so happy to welcome warm sunshine after the cold dark winter season.

Here in Manila where we are based, the Rainy season has begun. So, June is not bustin' out the heat that we so struggled to beat during our summer season from April to May.



What's bustin' out all over in June is our celebration of Feast Qatar's 10th Anniversary! We deeply thank Bro. Oliver Hubalde (*right*), Feast Qatar Builder, for providing us everything we needed to complete our feature, *page 3*.

Bustin' with gratitude is Feast Qatar disciple James Eric (*right*) who shares how The Feast has changed his life. The story of his turning point starts on *page 7*.



Feast Days



Bustin' out all over in June are also our all-important feast days: Pentecost Day, June 5; Independence Day, June 12; Father's Day, June 19.

In this issue, we share with you The Feast Talks during those three Sundays.

Big, big thank you to our founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez. In June, he was in the United Kingdom for pastoral visits in our Feasts there, yet he managed to Zoom a Pentecost message to us, *page 9*.



A million thanks to our Metro Manila Feast Builders— Bro. Audee Villaraza, Feast Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Bro. John Ben Rodriguez, Feast Ermita, and Bro. Anthony Valenzuela, Feast Bay Area, for the intros of the June Feast Talks, *pages 10-11*.

Bustin' with festivities is Anawim Lay Missions (ALMS) Foundation, celebrating the 27th Anniversary of Anawim Home for Abandoned Elderly— our main feature in *The Feast Family Mercy Ministries* section which we share with you in a separate *Special Feature* package. Don't miss it!



Glory!
VIC ESPAÑOL
Region Head
Feast International



Celebrations!

FEAST QATAR YEAR 10



FEAST QATAR has relentlessly pursued the core mission of our faith community, the Light of Jesus (LOJ) Family-- the mission mandated by our Lord Jesus to His disciples before He ascended to Heaven: *Go and make disciples of all nations.* (Matthew 28:19).

By God's amazing grace, our Light of Jesus Family, which started on September 1980, has well flourished, making disciples worldwide, including Qatar.

In 2006, Oliver Hubalde would arrive with his wife Marj and daughters Bea and Kiana in Doha, Qatar's capital.

And seven years later, Feast Qatar would be born--on June 1, 2012. Thus, this June 1, 2022, Feast Qatar celebrates its 10th Founding Anniversary.

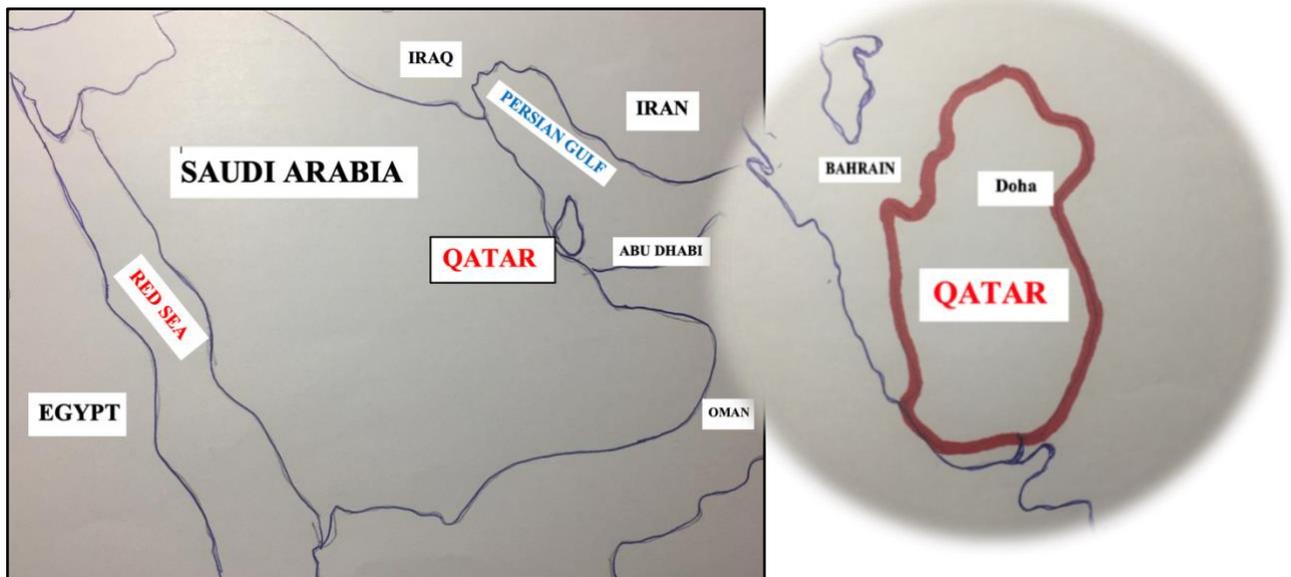


*Here is the family now,
from left: Olie, Marj, Bea,
Gabie, and Kiana.*

Blessed Beginnings

Olie started young in his faith journey. In the Philippines, back in the early 1990s, he joined the Ministry for the youth of our Light in Jesus Family, called Youth Mission for Parishes and Communities (YMPACT). After graduating from college, he served as a full-time staff of YMPACT. He also joined LOJ's Music Ministry.

Thirsty with the spiritual nourishment he received in LOJ, Olie would naturally find his way to the LOJ in Doha, the capital and most populous city of the State of Qatar, the peninsular Arab country in the Persian Gulf.



As the maps show, Qatar is a peninsula located east of Arabia bordering the Persian Gulf and Saudi Arabia. Surrounded with sea water, Qatar boasts of close to 150 species of fish—snapper, grouper, sea bass, and tuna. So, not a few Qatar residents are fishermen.

Qatar is also a fishing ground—for fishers of men. Remember, 2,000 years ago, walking beside the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two fishermen-- Simon and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea.

Jesus told them, *“Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*
--Matthew 4: 19.

Later, the Lord then blessed Simon with the name *Peter*, meaning *Rock*, telling him: *“I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.”* – Matthew 16: 18.

Our Catholic doctrine points out that this mandate of our Lord Jesus is the basis for the papal succession—bishops of Rome becoming Peter's successors—and the papacy remains to this day as the foundation of our Church.

Year 1 to Year 10

Fast forward to 2012. In May of that year, 30 Filipinos based in Doha attended a one-day Living in the Light Series (LLS) held by Light of Jesus Family. They graduated on May 11, 2012.

Experiencing intense spiritual awakening, the graduates then formed The Feast Qatar on June 1, 2012, starting with a Feast Video – watching on video the Feast talks of our founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez.

By God’s grace, the Feast Video transitioned to a *live* Feast on September 6, 2013. And flourishes to this day.

To date, Feast Qatar counts 90-100 members meeting every Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the assigned rooms at the Bishop Paul Hinder building at the Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church.

Feast Qatar thrives through the exemplary members of the Servant-Leader Council: Feast Builder Bro. Oliver “Olie” Hubalde, ably supported by his wife Marj; Glenn and Jane Caruz, Events Ministries; Edith Manuel, Evangelization and Fellowship Ministries; Mary Ann Gonzaga, Finance and Administration; Rommel and Nymia Marcaida, Singles Ministry.

And so, here is Feast Qatar and glimpses of its Year 10 celebrations.



Fr. Michael Cadhit, OFM, assistant parish priest, presiding Thanksgiving Mass.



Bro. Olie, Sis. Marj,
and Yen Yen
leading the festivities.

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Members of the Dance Ministry,
front row, from left: Jane, Emjay,
 Gab, Gizel, Joey, and Vince;
back row: Jimboy, Cel,
 Reymar, and Khris.



Here they are, presenting
 a graceful dance number.



Starting them young:
 Feast Qatar goes on to the
 next generation: Garrett, Claire,
 Mischa, Aria, and Gab



Eli, Thirty, Riley, and Caleb

DISCIPLES AROUND THE WORLD

I Was Afraid To Open Up

By JAMES RHODERICK G. ERICE

I'VE been familiar with faith gatherings since way back in the early years of 2000.

I had attended a few Christian prayer meetings and even those held by Catholic Charismatic communities. But for one reason or another, I could not commit to attend regularly.

In hindsight, I was uneasy about opening up--my doubts, fears, and pains--with other individuals not named Pam, my ever-loving wife (*right*).

Then came 2016. A friend invited Pam and me to join the Light of Jesus Family weekly faith gathering called The Feast in Qatar.

And here, I first experienced the warmth and welcoming vibe of LOJ.

In LOJ Feasts, participants are divided into small groups of about 10 members called Light Groups who usually meet after The Feast to share reactions or reflections on the Feast talk, and to support each other in their faith journey. Pam and I became members of a Light Group with four awesome couples, so friendly, that I somehow began to drop my guard.

Turning Point

On April 19, 2018 -- I remember the date very well because on this day I experienced a turning point in my faith journey--for the first time, I found myself confidently sharing with our members my thoughts about family life, good -- and not so good-- life experiences, and my plans.





I've Changed!

Indeed, my fear of expressing my deepest thoughts gradually vanished. And so, I've been able to open up not only with my Light Group, but with my family as well. I've had intimate conversations with my wife and our three children --all young adults now.

Here they are in front of me during our visit in Canada: Pam, Jerick, Jam, and Jaz.

And then, I've been able to share my thoughts and feelings also with my folks back home. Where before I had only intermittent calls with them, now I enjoy almost daily Messenger chats with them--plus video calls at least once a week.

I believe I've changed because at The Feast, I've learned more about God and His unconditional love—manifested through my co-Feasters who have accepted me the way I am, listening to me without judgment, so that I am able to speak out what's in my heart.

Yes, my spiritual development is still a long and, at times, difficult journey. But with LOJ's support, I am no longer afraid for I know I will continue to be blessed with this very life-changing experience.

Because God promises in Isaiah 41:13:

*¹³ For I hold you by your right hand—
I, the LORD your God.
And I say to you,
'Don't be afraid. I am here to help you.*

Glory to God!





THIS MONTH

JUNE 5, 2022: PENTECOST DAY

Stay, Stand, Speak

HELLO!

This Pentecost—this Holy Day of the Holy Spirit-- God has three messages to you:

No.1: Stay; No. 2: Stand; No. 3: Speak.

God will let you stay. God will let you stand. And God will let you speak.

First is stay. You've got to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit. In our life, it's waiting for God's Presence to come. And so, you've got to keep on staying.

Second, you're going to stand. He's going to make you stand.

The apostles, they were afraid. They were in hiding. But then when the Holy Spirit came, they straightened their back. And they moved out of that room.

And so, also does God want you to straighten your back, to look up, and to have the courage that comes from the Holy Spirit.

Third, God wants you to speak. You're going to speak to the world the Word of God. That's what's going to happen when the Holy Spirit is there.

So, dearest brothers and sisters, I just wanted you to meet your fellow Feasters here in Europe. And to let you know that you're not alone.

The Holy Spirit wants us to *gather*. And that's what we're doing. We're gathering around the world and proclaiming the Presence of God in our midst.

Keep on loving one another. Let the Holy Spirit be with you.

My dearest brothers and sisters, thank you so much. God bless you more!



May your dreams come true,

Bo Sanchez

Bo Sanchez

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JUNE 12, 2022: INDEPENDENCE DAY

Receive the Holy Spirit



THIS month of June, we're doing something special. We're taking a break from our usual series. And we're studying a mini-series titled *Awaken*.

Each Feast Builder is delivering his own talk about the series. So, last Sunday, I delivered in Feast PICC Talk 1: *Reject the Sin*.

Today, June 12, 2022, Independence Day, we welcome Feast Ermita Builder Bro. John Ben Rodriguez who wrote Talk 2: *Receive His Spirit*.

Here is his introduction:

LAST week, we celebrated Pentecost. This was the time when the early apostles received the Holy Spirit. The immediate effect on them was great joy and spiritual strength—which they needed so much back then.

Why? Because they were so scared when Jesus was put on the Cross. They were afraid they were next in line.

But there was a radical shift. After the Holy Spirit came upon them, the disciples were changed. From being cowards, hiding in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, they became fearless. They marched out of that room ready to die for Jesus. And years later, they did. All the apostles, except John the Beloved, became martyrs.

Today, most of us may not be called to do the same and be martyrs for the Faith. But I believe that the call of Jesus for everyone is still here: That is to *Receive His Spirit*. This is the message we want to preach to you today.

All for God's Glory,

John Ben Rodriguez
Feast Ermita Builder



JUNE 19, 2022: FATHER'S DAY

Rely On The Savior



TODAY, we wrap up our Special Mini-Series, *Awaken*.
Talk 1 was about *Reject the Sin*,
Talk 2 was *Receive His Spirit*.
And since we receive His Spirit, Talk 3 encourages us
to *Rely On The Savior*.

God is transforming us in the process.

The key message of Talk 3:
Trust That God Is In Charge!

Bro. Anthony Valenzuela, Assistant Feast Builder
at The Feast Bay Area P.M. Sessions, wrote Talk 3.

Here's his introduction:

IT'S Father's Day today and we want to acknowledge, honor,
and express our love and gratitude to all our fathers out there on this
special day! Our fathers have sacrificed so much for each of our
families, often in the background, and yet they are there at the first
line of defense.

Come to think of it, that's who our Heavenly Father is too!
He has always been there by our side, watching over us, blessing us,
protecting, and guiding us every day, all the way! Most especially
at our rock bottom moments, He's always there cheering us on
and embracing us...

As we wrap up our special mini-talk series, know that this is only the beginning
for us as we celebrated the birth of the Church on Pentecost Sunday and, by the
Grace of God and the Sacraments, we Receive His Spirit. Just like the apostles did.

But the BIG question is, what's next?!

I believe God is calling us to go out of our comfort zones, out of our self-made
shells, and share the Good News of His love with others! And that's exactly
what we want to preach to you today: ***Trust That God Is In Charge!***

Glory to God,

Anthony Valenzuela
Feast Bay Area (P.M.)
Assistant Builder



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Go and make disciples of all nations.

— Matthew 28:19

