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A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

"All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God." (Is 52:10b)

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE from BLD Community Spiritual Director, Bishop Reynaldo G. Evangelista, D.D.

Sent via email December 18, 2022

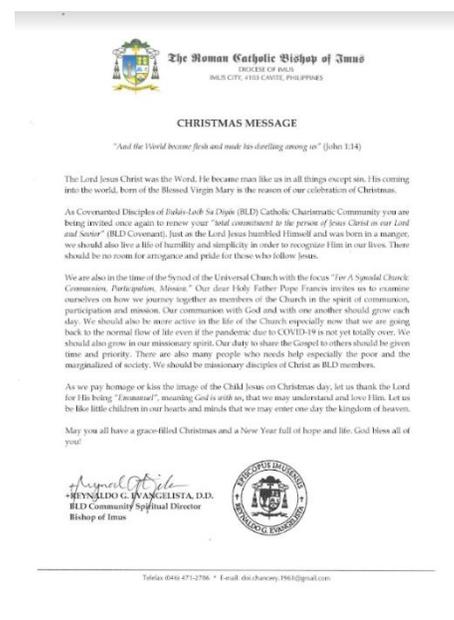
Our Community Spiritual Director, Bishop Reynaldo G. Evangelista, D.D. sends his Christmas Message 2022 to the BLD Community. Please click the following YouTube link. You can find the written version in the channel link, or you may access the Google Drive link below.

Video - YouTube

<https://youtu.be/SyFZ6MNJRd4>

Written - Google Drive

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GOD IN HIS LITTLENESS

“Brothers and sisters, standing before the crib, we contemplate what is central, beyond all the pretty lights and decorations. We contemplate the child. In his littleness, God is completely present. Let us acknowledge this: “Baby Jesus, you are God, the God who becomes a child”. Let us be amazed by this scandalous truth. The One who embraces the universe needs to be held in another’s arms. The One who created the sun needs to be warmed. Tenderness incarnate needs to be cuddled. Infinite love has a miniscule heart that beats softly. The eternal Word is an “infant”, a speechless child. The Bread of life needs to be nourished. The Creator of the world has no home. Today, all is turned upside down: God comes into the world in littleness. His grandeur appears in littleness.

To accept littleness means something else too. It means embracing Jesus in the little ones of today. Loving him, that is, in the least of our brothers and sisters. Serving him in the poor, those most like Jesus who was born in poverty. It is in them that he wants to be honoured. On this night of love, may we have only one fear: that of offending God’s love, hurting him by despising the poor with our indifference.”

Pope Francis

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2021

A Christmas message from Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

Sent via email December 24, 2022

“God loves us so much that God gave up everything to become one with us. Through Mary, God makes it possible for us to recognize His humanity and share in God’s own life.

This Christmas, let us follow Mary’s example. Just as she opened her heart to God, let us open our hearts to her Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us allow His light, His mercy, and His love to flood our hearts with joy.

I pray that you have a peaceful and faith-filled Christmas season-and may God Bless you and your loved ones.
Merry Christmas!”

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE from the BLD Newark DCS

Sent via email December 22, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

“While they were there (in Bethlehem), the time came for (Mary) to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son.” (Luke 2:6)

In the busyness of things that surround us, and in the hustle and bustle the Season brings, we take this time to pause – and greet you a blessed Merry Christmas.

Our greetings come in peace – for it is what we pray for - for you, for us, for everyone. May peace reign in our hearts.

Our greetings come with thanksgiving – for all the small and big things you have done that made work light for everyone; for your contributions; for your thoughts and prayers; for the food and provisions.

Our greetings come with joy – for you have been by our side in good times and in bad, in our difficulties, and in our victories. You have been our solace. You have caused us to sing and dance.

Our greetings come with us. With you, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the One that’s wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger, in Bethlehem on that cold night. We celebrate the Reason for the Season. We celebrate love – the greatest gift of all! Merry Christmas!

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those whom his favor rests.” (Luke 2:14)

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Youth Ministry Visits the Alaris Health Nursing Home

December 3, 2022 | Alaris Health at St. Mary's, Orange, NJ

Aaron shares his experience at the YE27's First Nursing Home Visitation



I had a splendid time singing jolly Christmas songs to and with the residents of St. Mary's Nursing Home in Orange, New Jersey. It was a new and enjoyable experience for me, as I was not very accustomed singing, and I don't usually like it that much. Despite this, I found myself singing happily with my fellow youth members to the cheerful elderly. I felt a sense of joy, and togetherness, as well as a feeling of holiness in the Christmas spirit, and I hope they did too. We sang some of my favorite Christmas songs, like Winter Wonderland, Joy to the World, and Feliz Navidad, and I enjoyed seeing the smiles of all the residents, watching and singing along with us. I hope our visit enhanced their Christmas spirit, and their faith, even if just by a tiny bit. This was definitely a fun and heartwarming experience I would like to do again in the future.



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COUNSELS

Reflection from December 18, 2022 Readings

Theme	Order	Directions	Promise
Our salvation is at hand when we are obedient to God's will and plan.	<i>"Do not be afraid"</i> <i>(Matthew 1:20a)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be obedient and trust in the Lord. 2. Make a conscious decision to attend Mass regularly, serve in Community and attend teachings. 	<i>"He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a reward from God his savior."</i> (Psalm 24:5)



For this Forth Sunday of Advent the Theme is "Our Salvation is at hand when we are obedient to God's will and plan."

I am sure that you are familiar with this Sunday's Gospel reading from St. Matthew. Although I have heard it many times, I realized that I have never taken the time to reflect on it. Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, our attention is usually drawn to Mama Mary and, of course, to Jesus Himself. However, this week, right before the birth of Jesus, we focus our attention

and prayers on Joseph, who had a very important role to play in the Christmas story.

"The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said 'Joseph, son of David, do not to be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins'... When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."
(Mt 1:20-21, 24)

I was struck by the amount of obedience and faith Joseph had by listening to the Angel of God. This made me think about myself and the amount of obedience and faith I have in God. It brought me back to when I was a young boy, and I thought about how I grew in faith to where I am standing before you today.

My parents named me Fidelito, after my grandmother and mom. When I was in school my teacher told the class that Fidel means faith or faithful one. So, I was the little faithful one. Some of my classmates would tease me and say it means "one of little faith."

For me, as for most young people, my parents started me on my journey towards Christ. I might not have had any choice but to follow their ways, since I was young and did whatever I was told to do. I was forced to pray the rosary at night and dreaded going to mass on Sunday. At mass, I stood when everyone stood, sat, and kneeled like everyone else, and just went through the motions. Did I listen to the homily or even pay attention to what was going on? Embarrassingly the answer would be, "No I did not."

As I got older, I began to grow in Faith, and my journey with the Lord slowly became my own. As a youth my parents took me to this community where I truly developed a personal relationship with God. I began to want to know Him more and serve him as much as I could. When I became a young adult and was able make my own decisions, I made the choice to follow Jesus, pray at night, attend mass on Sundays, and serve in community. I didn't do this because I was forced to or because my friends were there, but because I knew it was what I was called to do. The motions I had been going through as a child, like attending mass on Sundays, Easter and

Christmas started to make sense and have more meaning. Although I still had the company of my family and friends on this journey, I was now doing it for myself and not for anyone else.

I know that my journey to Heaven is not a sprint but a marathon. It hasn't been easy, and I know I will struggle, but I believe in Jesus 100%, and although I have not physically seen Him, I can feel and hear Him. I have learned to trust in Him with my life, and I will follow Him wherever He may lead me.



Prayer:

Lord, help me to be more like St. Joseph, to trust in your calling no matter how hard it may be. Help me to look beyond my own understanding and have faith. Help me to continue to trust in your Word as your promises to us will never be broken. For your plans are greater than anything I can plan for myself.

So tonight, my brothers and sisters, join me, Fidelito Fernando – Little Faithful One, in renewing our commitment to Jesus. I will Choose Christ. I will choose love. I choose to serve. I give my heart; I give my life. I give it all to Christ! Amen.

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Reflection from December 25, 2022 Readings

Theme	Order	Direction(s)	Promise
Our salvation is at hand when we experience God's fullness of grace.	<i>"Testify to the light, so that all might believe."</i> <i>(John 1:7)</i>	Bring glad tidings, announce peace, bear good news and proclaim salvation.	<i>"All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God."</i> <i>(Isaiah 52:10b)</i>

John 1:5, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."



This sums it all up. This first book of John tells us everything we need to know: the beginning, the middle, and the end. A good book often begins with powerful words that make us think. John's Gospel makes us think about who God is and what he is doing through Jesus Christ. These are good words, strong words, but also words whose meaning is difficult to pin down. I was reminded of those words when I received a unique Christmas card this week. The card was mainly dark in color. In fact, most of the card was black except for the small star shining brightly in the middle of it, a light shining, but shining in the darkness.

Christmas is about the light shining in the darkness. As it says in *John 1:5, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* There is some kind of defiance to the light. It lives in the darkness, but darkness cannot overcome it. This is not a simple Scripture verse. I struggle with these words because they don't say what I want them to say. I want them to declare that when the light comes into the world, it overcomes; it obliterates the darkness. It takes away the bleakness of every sadness, every despair, every raw deal, every horrendous tragedy, every evil plan, and tosses it all into the eternal trash bin, never to be seen again.

I want the light to arrive and win. I want it to win big. I want it to destroy darkness so badly that it will never come back here on Earth, and I won't have to think about it ever again. But, instead of this total destruction of the darkness, we get a moderate result in John's Gospel. The light came into the world, and the darkness that was in the world did not, could not, and cannot extinguish the light. But neither did the light wipe out the darkness.

While I may not like the perspective on light given in this Gospel, I admit it strikes me as being true. For the 2000 plus years since the birth of our Lord, certainly, there have been occasions when darkness was diminished, when hurts were healed, when pain was alleviated, and when the human spirit shone with compassion and generosity. Yet, we still experience so much darkness in the world. And maybe that's the thing. Maybe that's St. John's point. It is not that the light obliterates the darkness; it is simply that the light is there, sometimes helping to change a situation, and make it much better, but more often the light is a steady, flickering, constant, faithful presence.

This, I believe is what the message of the incarnation of our Lord is about. Coming here on Earth so that darkness can subside in his presence. God enters into the darkness to sit alongside of us as a Divine advocate, a Providential presence—God with us—Emmanuel.

God didn't want to sit back in Heaven and watch us from a safe distance while our lives played out. Instead, our Provident God climbed right into the darkest places to be with us; and in that holy and brilliant action, we find reason enough to hope.



So, wherever there is darkness in your life, in my life, anywhere in our world, we can be absolutely sure that our Provident God, our Emmanuel, God with us, is there, too, a Light in our darkness. And because we are in a relationship with the Provident God who is the Light, the Source of the Light, we, too are called to be Light. And as women and men of Providence, we are committed to making God's Providence visible. So, we are called, we are compelled to be a Providential presence, a Providential advocate. We are called to be like Jesus, a light that shines in the darkness.

Lord Jesus, thank you for your light, a light that shines consistently for us. A light that never dims but a light that darkness can never hide. Continue to guide us with Your light and never leave us. I pray this is Jesus' name, Amen.

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Reflection from January 1, 2023 Readings

Theme	Order	Directions	Promise
Our salvation is at hand when we let the peace of Christ control our hearts.	<i>“Be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life.”</i> <i>(Sirach 3:13)</i>	Honor thy father and thy mother.	<i>Blessed are all who fear the Lord.</i> <i>(Psalm 128:1)</i>

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



On the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth, we are called to reflect on the members of the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - and the love that they had for each other. If we were to look at the dynamics of the relationship of the Holy Family, what we probably would see is that they fulfilled their vocations exceedingly well by doing their work with utmost love and harmony. It is through Jesus, Mary, and Joseph that we learn unity, trust, sacrifice, obedience, faith, and love to the fullest extent of what those all truly mean.

Let us begin by pondering the righteousness of Joseph. When he learned that Mary would soon give birth to a Child, he swallowed his pride and decided to divorce her quietly. But upon learning from an angel of the Lord that the Baby was conceived through the Holy Spirit, he put aside his pride and, disregarding his own well-being, took Mary into his home as his wife. Then, as we know from the Nativity story, he took care of his family despite

the hardships and sacrifice that that entailed, and overcame all difficulties by putting his trust in God.

He was a beloved foster father, who was fully attentive to God's will, even to the point of forsaking his homeland and his livelihood when he was instructed to ***"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until the death of Herod"*** (Mt 2:14-15). How frightening that must have been! And yet, although Egypt was a distant, foreign place, he obeyed, he trusted, and he acted. While there must have been so much that was unknown and uncertain, Joseph did not question, and he did not hesitate. Instead, he protected his family, trusting always in God's divine providence. He is a perfect model of trust and fidelity to God.

As for Mary, we can only imagine how she, with the newly born baby Jesus in her arms, struggled during their journey to Egypt. Let us contemplate what it must have been like for her, while, as a wife and mother, she also had to take care of Joseph and Jesus, her two most beloved ones. Also, her heart must have been broken by having to leave behind everyone they knew and everything they had. But she knew that she carried with her the Light of the world, and she trusted that someday, God would bring them back home to Nazareth.

Both Joseph and Mary cooperated with God's grace and came together in unity to carry out His plan for their lives. They were model parents who worked hard, helped each other, understood, and accepted each other and took good care of their Son, Jesus.

As for Jesus, while little is known about Him while He was growing up, St. Luke tells us in his Gospel account of the Boy Jesus in the Temple that He was obedient to Mary and Joseph and that He ***"advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man"*** (Lk 2:52). He followed the fifth commandment, which says ***"Honor your father and your mother."*** In this, He showed us a perfect example of how we should treat our own parents - by respecting them, accepting their authority, obeying, and appreciating them.

Today, families face many challenges. We live in a fast-paced world where we experience temptation and sin, sickness, illness and death, heated disagreements, fighting and conflict. These create wedges of division in our families, even in Catholic families. It is so easy to lose one's way and simply walk away from the frustrations and challenges that occur in marriages and family life. Moreover, families today are very fragile. Family members are pushed and pulled by many forces and numerous commitments outside the household, increasingly being influenced by worldly values. As parents, we are called to love, protect, instruct, and discipline our children in the way of God. On the other hand, as children, we are called to honor our parents, but the reality is that this is not an easy task to do. There are so many distractions and challenges that can easily disrupt, weaken, and destroy relationships among family members.

As parents, we have ideas as to what a holy Christian family should look like. But as our children grew up and ventured out into the neighborhoods and then into school communities, the tendency was to compromise; and

so, our family values have been weakened. With a world that is often at odds with Christian norms, at times it can be difficult to keep peace and harmony in our homes, and to always respond with forgiveness rather than resentment.

How many families here agree that it is only through faith and trust in God that we are able to overcome the painful daily realities, the weariness and the struggles, the ups and downs, and the fears that we must face every day? It is our shared prayer life that will serve as the glue to hold us together throughout the joys and the challenges of married and family life. We might not have the same exact experience as the Holy Family, but we share a common story and are confronted in the same way by life's challenges. Just as the Holy Family survived all the crises that they faced through their love for each other and faith in God, we are invited to learn from Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and their steadfast trust in God, and their willingness to be led by Him, and their loving care for each other.



This is how we can love unconditionally and live a holy family life - as exhorted by St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians, ***“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another”*** (Colossians 3:12-13a).

So, as we enter the New Year, let us be reminded of the true message of Christmas, that we are given a Savior, Who brings peace to our hearts. When we let the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, we will be able to humbly honor our God the Father, for He assured us in *Psalm 128:1*: ***“Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and who walk in his ways.”***

Let us pray and turn to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph for guidance on this Feast of the Holy Family, using the words of Mother Theresa of Calcutta in her prayer to the Holy Family...

“Heavenly Father, you have given us the model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace, and joy reign. Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families, especially in their distressing disguise. May we love one another as God loves each of us, more and more each day, and forgive each other’s faults as you forgive our sins. Help us take whatever you give and give whatever you take with a big smile. AMEN”.

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HEALTH ADVISORY

Below are helpful recommendations from the Health and Safety Advisory Board:

- Ongoing layered intervention in existence
 - Hand hygiene
 - Disinfection of frequently-touched surfaces
 - Respiratory etiquette
 - Stay home if you’re sick
 - Get tested promptly
 - Masking as personal preference, optional, or when recommended by health care provider (high risk, immune-compromised, etc.)
- Obtain bivalent booster when eligible ASAP
 - Members should get it for optimal protection in the winter months
 - Has durable benefits against Omicron and previous variants, including the current XBB.1.5

- While it does not prevent potential re-infection, it's highly protective against progressing to severe form of the disease, hospitalizations, and deaths (several new studies validated this)
- 3 months after from recent natural infection (previous Covid infection)
- 2 months from recent monovalent (old booster) or primary series
- Can be safely co-administered and recommended to be given with Influenza vaccine
- Prompt antiviral treatment (Paxlovid) with positive tests with even mild symptoms
 - Must be within 5 days of testing positive but highly advised to take as early as possible
 - Most pharmacy providers can test and initiate treatment
 - Available at NO COST-federal government subsidy
- Indoor Air Quality New CDC Recommendations
 - Weather permitting, open windows to facilitate air exchange during retreats
 - Utilize window exhaust fans
 - New focus on getting "portable air cleaners"/HEPA filters that would help with ventilation and filtration during retreats (congregate settings)
 - Depending on the size of the venue- consider to invest in purchasing 2-3 large capacity portable HEPA filters
 - Place HEPA filters in various corners of the main retreat venue, even in warmer weather
- You don't need to obtain vaccination status as that has been discontinued
 - Important to send out and educate candidates and volunteer members about exposures and risks, when not to attend
 - May reach out to advisory board for any specific pre-retreat health concerns

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LORD'S PROVISION (Prior Week):

COLLECTIONS		
At St. Anne, E-Giving and Mailed Checks:		
Tithes & Love Offerings	\$1,549.00	\$85,842.07
Mission	\$1,714.00	\$5,263.00
Financial details are available to all members through treasury@bldnewark.com		
DONATE TO BLD NEWARK - https://www.bldnewark.com/donations.html		
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT		

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~ COMMUNITY MASS ~ PRAISE & WORSHIP ~

JANUARY 2023 - Friday Schedule	
Holy Rosary (8:00 PM)	Every Friday
First Friday Eucharistic Celebration (8:30PM)	Jan 6 Feb 3

First Friday Eucharistic Celebration (8:30PM)	Feb 10 - We pray for the success of the Medical Mission, safe travels, and protection of Missionaries/Volunteers
Praise and Worship Weekly (Starts at 8:00PM)	Jan 13 Jan 20 Jan 27 Feb 17 Feb 24
Solo Parents Ministry	2 nd & 4 th Friday
Singles Ministry	3 rd Friday
Youth Ministry	4 th Friday
Confession Schedule	March 3 March 24 April 3 April 14

BLD NEWARK 30th ANNIVERSARY

Please join us in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of BLD Newark
on Friday, **March 31, 2023**, at 7:00 PM at the Church of St. Anne in Garwood, NJ.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be officiated by His Eminence, Cardinal Joseph William Tobin.

**RSVP through this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/HjH1AR1Lwj>
*Reservations will be subject to availability of seats.***

Souvenir Program / Coffee Table Book

[Ad solicitation details](#) available in the [BLD Newark website](#). Book Distribution in August 2023.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

INTERCESSORY MINISTRY	<p>Please join the nightly community prayers via Zoom. Everyone is most welcome to participate Zoom ID: 2265467380 / PW: 750109 @6:30PM Contact: Ram & Clair Bautista</p>
FEEDING THE HOMELESS	<p>3rd Saturday of the Month - 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM Sisters of Charity, Newark, NJ Contact: Rene & Claire Monje</p>
FORMATION APOSTOLATE - TEACHING MINISTRY	
<p>Everyone is encouraged to attend the scheduled teachings as part of one's formation journey and as refresher courses for covenanted members.</p>	
<p>January 11, Wednesday @ 7:00 pm - Virtual Teaching Module: <u>Christian Parenting</u> All ME# 53 / LSS 53 / ME#54 / LSS #54 SPE22 are requested to attend. The following are the ZOOM details: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9701141163?pwd=WjlrY0R5WlFGVFB6a20ySDBFL21rZz09 Meeting ID: 970 114 1163 Passcode: 081262</p>	

January 21, Saturday, at 12:30 pm - In-Person Teachings

Saint Anne's Church, Garwood, NJ

Modules:

1. Growth in Prayer

2. Basic Bible Seminar

ME/LSS 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 and SPE 20, 21 & 22, Singles Ministry 40 are requested to attend

February 4, Saturday, at 12:30 pm - In-Person Teachings

Saint Anne's Church, Garwood, NJ

All LSS graduates are invited to attend the teaching on SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

•Pneumatika

•Charismata

The Catechism underscores this point:

"The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit... They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations". CCC 1830-31

Teaching Ministry - Virtual Lenten Preparation Symbolon - Knowing the Catholic Faith

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023 until the evening of Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023. If Sundays are excluded from the count, the season lasts forty days. This 40-day season is a time of preparation for the liturgical celebration of the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.

Three practices of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

It is also a time to participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ (USCCB.ORG)

The Teaching Ministry is inviting you to join the community in preparing for Lent, through prayer and reflection.

A 10-part video series will begin on January 30th and will end 1 week before Holy Week.

Symbolon, the Catholic Faith Explained. Learn the richness of the Catholic Faith.

Led by Scripture scholar, Dr. Sri of Augustine Institute.

Check out the trailer: [The Catholic Faith Explained | Symbolon Program Trailer](#)

When: Every Monday night starting @ 7pm on January 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3.

Topic: Teaching Ministry " Symbolon, Knowing the Faith by Dr. Sri

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4215094856?pwd=eVJhcjhZFE4Qk50aDUwZHIHWXlvQT09>

Meeting ID: 421 509 4856

Passcode: JESUS

**FORMATION APOSTOLATE
- TEACHING MINISTRY**

Annual Recommitment & Blessing of Teachers, TM Members & Formators
January 13, Friday | Church of St. Anne

2000 HAIL MARY	January 14, Saturday Starts @ 7:30 AM Church of St. Anne Sponsor Mission Apostolate Contact: Rene & Claire Monje
MARCH FOR LIFE	January 20, Friday Bus meet @ 6:30 am Bus back @ 9:30 pm Contact: Rey & Elma Pineda
YOUTH LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR	YLSS #26 Salubungan - February 3, Friday Starts 8:00 pm Invocation Mass – March 23 @ Church of St. Anne Youth YLSS @ St. Antoninus Church, 377 S. Orange, Newark, NJ 07103
MEDICAL MISSION	Monday to Thursday, February 13 – 16 Guimaras. Philippines
7TH INTER DISTRICT CONFERENCE	February 17 – 19, 2023 Covenant House, Dasmariñas Cavite, Philippines
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR #55	Salubungan – February 24, Friday Starts 8:00 pm Invocation Mass: April 21 @ St. Anne Church, Garwood, NJ LSS Weekend – April 22 & 23 @ St. Antoninus Church, 377 S. Orange, Newark, NJ 07103
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER #55	May 19 - 21

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