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Our Mission Statement

The purpose of the FCCC is to give greater glory and praise to our Almighty Father through our Lord Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit by serving the mission of the Catholic Church in promoting unity and love amongst its members as one body of Christ (Corinthians 12: 27-31).

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Year Of Faith "...They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith..."(Acts 14:27).

In the Acts of the Apostles, we learn that God has opened the door of faith for the early Church. But did you know that God has opened the door of faith for each one of us and he invites us to step through the threshold into a deeper relationship with him. The upcoming Year of Faith is an opportunity for every Catholic to turn towards Jesus Christ, encounter him in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and rediscover the Faith and Church. With his

Apostolic Letter of October 11, 2011, [Porta Fidei](#). . . , Pope Benedict XVI declared that a "Year of Faith" will begin on October 11, 2012 and conclude on November 24, 2013. October 11, 2012, the first day of the Year of Faith, is the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the [Sec-](#)

[ond Vatican Council](#). . . (Vatican II) and also the twentieth anniversary of the [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#). During the Year of Faith, Catholics are asked to study and reflect on the

documents of Vatican II and the catechism so that they may deepen their knowledge of the faith. The upcoming Year of Faith is a "summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world" (*Porta Fidei* 6). In other words, the Year of Faith is an opportunity for Catholics to experi-

ence a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with him. The "door of faith" is opened at one's baptism, but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church. (USCCB)



Light Of God Community 31st Anniversary Celebration

The Light Of God Prayer Community celebrated its 31st Anniversary last July 6, 2012 with a 1st Friday Mass at St. Elizabeth Church in San Francisco. The main celebrant was Fr. Ray Reyes and concelebrated by Fr. Charito Suan, Fr. Eli Salomon, and Deacon Ernest von Emster. The Light of God was founded by the late Bro. Mody delos Reyes and his wife Sis. Hermie. The community is considered the mother of all Filipino communities and one of the oldest charismatic prayer groups in the Bay Area. Reception followed after the Mass at Cantwell Hall.

Nominations For Next FCCC Coordinator Scheduled

Nominations for the election of the next FCCC Coordinator was taken up during the last Officers Meeting on June 11, 2012.

Nominations will have to be submitted on or before **October 29, 2012** and voting will be on **November 30, 2012**. Each prayer community/group shall submit to the Chairperson of the Commission on Election a name of its representative to be elected as Coordinator of the FCCC. A Coordinator must be of Filipino descent, a member of good standing of the FCCC, and duly appointed by the Prayer community as its representative to the FCCC.



St. Thomas More was an English lawyer, scholar, writer, member of parliament and chancellor in the reign of Henry VIII. He was executed for refusing to recognize Henry VIII's divorce and the English church's break with Rome.

Saint Thomas More (1478-1535)

"The King's good servant, but God's first."

St. Thomas More, Martyr (Patron of Lawyers) was born at London in 1478. After a thorough grounding in religion and the classics, he entered Oxford to study law. Upon leaving the university he embarked on a legal career which took him to Parliament. In 1505, he married his beloved Jane Colt who bore him four children, and when she died at a young age, he married a widow, Alice Middleton, to be a mother for his young children. A wit and a reformer, this learned man numbered Bishops and scholars among his friends and by 1516 wrote his

world-famous book "Utopia". He attracted the attention of Henry VIII who appointed him to a succession of high posts and missions, and finally made him Lord Chancellor in 1529. However, he resigned in 1532, at the height of his career and reputation, when Henry persisted in holding his own opinions regarding marriage and the supremacy of the Pope. The rest of his life was spent in writing mostly in defense of the Church. In 1534, with his close friend, St. John Fisher, he refused to render allegiance to the King as the Head of the Church of Eng-

land and was confined to the Tower. Fifteen months later, and nine days after St. John Fisher's execution, he was tried and convicted of treason. He told the court that he could not go against his conscience and wished his judges that "we may yet hereafter in heaven merrily all meet together to everlasting salvation." And on the scaffold, he told the crowd of spectators that he was dying as "the King's good servant-but God's first." He was beheaded on July 6, 1535. More was beatified in 1886 and canonized by the Catholic Church as a saint by Pope Pius XI in 1935. His feast day is June 22nd.

"The challenge facing you, dear friends, is to increase people's awareness of the importance of **religious freedom** for society; to **defend** that freedom against those who would take religion out of the **public domain** and establish **secularism** as America's official faith."

*Blessed John Paul II
Baltimore, October 8, 1995*

On The Lighter Side...About Judging Others

"The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7b).

A very critical, negative barber never had a good thing to say about anyone or anything.

A salesman came into his shop one day and told him he was going on a business trip to Rome. The barber asked, "What airline will you be taking and what hotel will you be staying at?"

When the salesman told him the barber criticized the airline for being undependable and the hotel for having horrible service.

"You'd be better off to stay at home," he advised.

"But I expect to close a really big business deal and then I'm going to see the Pope."

When you judge, usually it will eventually come back to you. Most of us are in such a habit of judging and criticizing others that we don't think about how it affects others as well as how it affects us in our walk with the Lord.

The barber continued, "Don't count on seeing the Pope. He only sees important people."

Several weeks later the salesman returned and stopped by the barber shop. "How was your trip?" asked the barber. "It was wonderful," the salesman said. "The airline was great, the hotel was excellent."

"Did you see the Pope? What happened?"

The salesman said, "Oh yes! I even bent down and kissed his ring."

"No kidding. What did he say?" asked the barber?

"Well, he placed his hand on my head and said to me, 'My son, where did you ever get such a lousy haircut?'"

Great Events In August

The Transfiguration Of The Lord (August 6)

The Transfiguration of [Christ](#) is the culminating point of His public life, as His [Baptism](#) is its starting point, and His [Ascension](#) its end. Moreover, this glorious event has been related in detail by [St. Matthew \(17:1-6\)](#), [St. Mark \(9:1-8\)](#), and [St. Luke \(9:28-36\)](#), while [St. Peter \(2 Peter 1:16-18\)](#) and [St. John \(1:14\)](#), two of the privileged witnesses, make allusion to it.



About a week after His sojourn in [Caesarea Philippi](#), [Jesus](#) took with him [Peter](#) and [James](#) and [John](#) and led them to a high mountain apart, where He was transfigured before their ravished eyes. [St. Matthew](#) and [St. Mark](#) express this phenomenon by the word *metemorphothe*, which the [Vulgate](#) renders *transfiguratus est*. The [Synoptics](#) explain the [true](#) meaning of the word by adding "his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow," according to the [Vulgate](#), or "as light," according to the Greek text. This dazzling brightness which emanated from His whole Body was produced by an interior shining of His Divinity. False [Judaism](#) had rejected the [Messias](#), and now [true Judaism](#), represented by [Moses](#) and [Elias](#), the [Law](#) and the [Prophets](#), recognized and [adored](#) Him, while for the second time [God the Father](#) proclaimed Him His only-begotten and well-loved [Son](#). By this glorious manifestation the [Divine Master](#), who had just foretold His [Passion](#) to the [Apostles \(Matthew 16:21\)](#), and who spoke with [Moses](#) and [Elias](#) of the trials which awaited Him at [Jerusalem](#), strengthened the [faith](#) of his three friends and prepared them for the terrible struggle of which they were to be witnesses in [Gethsemani](#), by giving them a foretaste of the [glory](#) and [heavenly delights](#) to which we attain by suffering.

The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15)

The [Roman Catholic Church](#) teaches as [dogma](#) that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."¹ This doctrine was [dogmatically and infallibly defined](#) by [Pope Pius XII](#) on November 1, 1950, in his [Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*](#). While Catholic dogma leaves open the question of Mary's death before rising to Heaven, the Eastern Orthodox tradition of the [Dormition of the Theotokos](#) teaches that Mary died and then rose to Heaven. In the churches which observe it, the Assumption is a major [feast day](#), commonly celebrated on August 15. In many countries it is a [Catholic Holy Day of Obligation](#). In his August 15, 2004, homily given at [Lourdes](#), [Pope John Paul II](#) quoted John 14:3 as one of the scriptural bases for understanding the dogma of the Assumption of Mary. In this verse, Jesus tells his disciples at the [Last Supper](#), "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may be there also." According to Catholic theology, Mary is the pledge of the fulfillment of Christ's promise. The feast of the Assumption on August 15 is a public holiday in many countries, including Austria, Belgium, Chile, Ecuador, France, Germany (Bavaria only), Greece, Lebanon,



Italy, Malta, Mauritius, Poland, Portugal, Senegal, and Spain. In Eastern Orthodox churches following the [Julian Calendar](#), the feast day of Assumption of Mary falls on August 28.

The Queenship Of The Blessed Virgin Mary (August 22)

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, Mary is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court. In the fourth century St. Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.



The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection and because of her intercessory power.

"Mass is Heaven on Earth."

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Laudate Updates:

We are now on our second issue of this publication (July-August). Thanks for our Lord's guidance.

Circulation so far is via online and we pray that it has reached everyone in the renewal and beyond. We encourage the printing of hard copies for those who don't have access via computer. This is one way of evangelizing most especially those who are lost and hungry for God's word.

Finally, we are happy to inform you that this publication can now be seen in SFSpirit.com website. Our appreciation goes to the San Francisco Archdiocese Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

We encourage the membership of different prayer communities to contribute newsworthy articles and submit their articles as early as possible for editing, printing, and distribution. **(Deadline for submission: 1st week of each month).**

Please email your articles to:
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The Calling (Continued from May/June issue)

The LORD replied, "Don't say, 'I'm too young,' for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. -Jeremiah 1:7

And with that, He blessed me by rewarding me to travel around the world. Europe, every year, with my parents, on board United First Class! (Mom is a United Airlines retiree).

The Miss Universe Organization claims that the average Miss Universe travels to 10 countries during her reign. I've been to almost 20 now. I have friends who won at the Bb. Pilipinas (Miss Philippines) and went on to join Miss Universe, Miss World, and Miss International, yet they always claim that if there was anyone of us that is by far the luckiest, it would definitely be me. Sure, I didn't win, but there is no saying about what God can do. Seeing the world every year, learning about different cultures, and flying on the world's largest airline, what else could anyone wish for, right?

But I just consider myself blessed. God has blessed me far more than I hoped for. Bible says that, "He can do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we can ever ask, hope or think." Nothing is impossible with Him just keep an open mind and a strong faith. Basically my entire life is

revolved around the church, serving God through music. I'm not just a worship leader, but I'm also the leader of our music team at Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame.

Serving God is not an easy task. Many times we encounter circumstances and problems, but if you love what you are doing

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and you are focused on Jesus, then you will always succeed. God will always cause you to rise higher and into greater levels for His namesake.

Just a few months ago, I was approached by our beloved Sis. Hermie who requested me to write for their newsletter called the *Laudate Dominum*. I said, "Sure, why not?" but I brushed it aside for a while because I got occupied with so many things. And eventually my dad and Sis. Hermie followed up with me.

I really don't think I'm a good writer. It's not even my profession. I just like writing, that's

all. It's not like it's a talent. But then I realized God can always make something out of nothing. I am a living example.

The Bible tells us many stories of how God loves to use people who are weak. God loves to use weak people to work his life through and work His work through. Hudson Taylor once said, "All God's giants have been weak people.

"Abraham was very old and barren, yet he became the "Father of Many Nations." David was just a shepherd boy who was "after God's own heart." He eventually became Israel's king and most of all Jesus Christ's ancestor. Gideon was the weakest in his tribe Manasseh, yet God used him to deliver his people from the Midianites and the Amalekites. He is known as "The Mighty Man of Valor." Moses couldn't speak, but he lead the Israelites out of Egypt and into the Promise Land. These are just a few examples of how God uses weak people. I am one of them. The Bible clearly states that when we are weak, He is strong. He can make something great out of nothing. And so I hope that "Laudate Dominum" publication will inspire many of our readers about the greatness of our God. His goodness and faithfulness always follow us all the days of our lives. I'm humbled that He uses me for His greater honor and glory.

Hannah Rebosura

Calendar of Events

- General Assembly Meeting @ Thomas More Church on July 30, 2012, at 7pm to be hosted by Light of God. Contact Sis Hermie @ 415/494-5643.
- Growth in the Spirit Seminar with Fr. Jim Nisbet and Bro. Bob Canton on August 25 & 26, 2012 at Vallombrosa Center hosted by Amor Dei. Contact Sis. Delia (707) 631-9577.
- Holy Spirit Conference- September 14-16, 2012 @ Riordan High School, 175 Phelan Ave., San Francisco.
- 1st Friday Mass on August 3, 2012 @ Our Lady of Angels church Burlingame. Contact Bro. Gene@510/331-1801.
- General Assembly Meeting @ St. Thomas More Church on August 27, 2012, 7pm hosted by Lords Flock. Contact Sis. Jocelyn Deauna 650/994-0598.
- Praise Concert-September 22, 2012 @ St. Anne of the Sunset Main Hall. 850 Judah St. San Francisco.
- Singles Encounter @ S.F. Theological Seminary on August 17-19, 2012 Contact Romy/Roree (650) 690-6617.
- 1st Friday Mass on September 7, 2012 @St. Gabriel church in S.F. Contact: John & Marilyn Lee 415/731-6161.
- Rosary Rally 2012 on October 13, 2012 @ 12 pm—U.N. Plaza, Market & 7th St, San Francisco- Fr. Mark Mary as keynote speaker. (415) 505-9777. (Please mark your calendars)