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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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Faith, Hope, and Love:

Feature Story

An Elder's Life and Legacy

By Sis. Hermie delos Reyes

Back in the Philippines we did not forget our Christian obligations to God. We went to church, attended novenas and other church functions. At that time all those activities were done out of obligation only. We were busy making money to give to each of our children for their big bank account in their future use. Never did we think that God has a plan for all of us. We suffered heavy economic losses most especially during the period of Martial Law in the Philippines. Mody almost had a nervous breakdown. It was God's call to us to end up all self efforts and depend solely on Him for our existence. Although we went to see the doctor almost everyday we did not see any visible effects in our doctor's visits. We spent more and more on medicines and the doctor's visits. While in that condition God sent us an angel in the person of our neighbor who advised us to go for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Santa Cruz Church in Manila. So we went there and Mody seemed to find peace in the adoration. While there God gave us another angel who took us to a place outside Manila where we saw people praying with their eyes closed. They sang, danced and were very happy.

Later on we found out the gathering was a charismatic prayer meeting. We eventually attended the Life in the Spirit Seminar and I knew right away that Mody got hooked up with the Spirit he found there. Little by little he found healing because our visits to the doctor became fewer than before. After he was baptized in the Holy Spirit he was completely healed. Praise the

Lord! Soon, he devoted his time and efforts to the Charismatic Renewal and we got affiliated with the Ligaya ng Panginoon Charismatic Community with Fr. Herbert Schneider as Spiritual Director. The community was based at the Assumption Convent in Makati, Philippines. Mody became a member of the Teaching Ministry of the community and joined its outreaches in other places.

Upon arrival here in the United States in January, 1979, the first thing that Mody looked for was a Catholic church. At the end of 1979, God

gave us our 681 Bowdoin Street home. We did not have money for the down payment for the house but God prompted my sister-in-law, the owner of the house, and Mody's cousin to buy it. I did not work at that time because I had a three month old baby.

The Lord gave us this house to become the first meeting place of the Light of God Charismatic Prayer Community. My mother-in-law told us not to move out of the house because it was there that many people

found the Lord in a very personal way. God sent us Fr. Leonardo Polinar from the Philippines and he started a Life in the Spirit Seminar in our house on July 26, 1981. From then on Mody continued that first LSS. More and more people attended the seminar until they could not be contained in our house any longer so with the pastor's approval, we moved to the St. Elizabeth's School Auditorium on February 7, 1982. Mody along with other members formed the Teaching, Healing, Music and Accommodation Ministries. Mody and these members of these Ministries reached out to various places to spread the word of God and help other people establish their own prayer communities.

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San Lorenzo Ruiz (1600-September 29, 1637) First Saint and Protomartyr of the Philippines

Saint Lawrence Ruiz of Manila (ca. 1600 – 29 September 1637), is the first [Filipino saint](#) ([protomartyr](#)) venerated in the [Roman Catholic Church](#). He was killed for refusing to leave [Japan](#) and renounce his [Roman Catholic](#) beliefs during the persecution of [Japanese Christians](#) under the [Tokugawa Shogunate](#) in the 17th century.

Lorenzo Ruiz was born in [Binondo](#), [Manila](#) to a [Chinese](#) father and a [Filipino](#) mother who were both [Catholic](#). His father taught him [Chinese](#) while his mother taught him [Tagalog](#).

Ruiz served as an [altar boy](#) at the convent of [Binondo church](#). After being educated by the [Dominican](#) friars for a few years, Ruiz earned the title of *escribano* ([calligrapher](#)) because of his skillful penmanship. He became a member of the *Cofradia del Santissimo Rosario* ([Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosario](#)). He married Rosario, a native, and they had two sons and a daughter. The Ruiz family lead a generally peaceful, religious and content life.

In 1636, whilst working as a clerk for Binondo Church, Ruiz was falsely accused of

of killing a Spaniard. Ruiz sought asylum on board a ship with three [Dominican](#) priests: Saint [Antonio Gonzalez](#); Saint Guillermo Courtet; Saint Miguel de Aozaraza, a [Japanese](#) priest; Saint Vicente Shiwozuka de la Cruz; and a [lay leper](#) Saint Lázaro of Kyoto. Ruiz and his companions left for [Okinawa](#) on 10 June 1636, with the aid of the Dominican fathers and Fr Giovanni Yago.

The [Tokugawa shogunate](#) was [persecuting Christians](#) by the time Ruiz had arrived in Japan. The missionaries were arrested and thrown into prison, and after two years,

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The Year of Faith, from this perspective, is a summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Saviour of the world. In the mystery of his death and resurrection, God has revealed in its fullness the Love that saves and calls us to conversion of life through the forgiveness of sins.

The Year of Faith begins on October 11, 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican council. It will conclude on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus, Universal King, on November 24, 2013.

On The Lighter Side...Parable of the Lamp

“For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.” (Luke: 8-17)

Acts 2:38

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church Services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the Act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: ‘Stop! [Acts 2:38!](#)’

(Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and Explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: ‘Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you.’

‘Scripture?’ replied the burglar. ‘She said she had an Ax and Two 38s!’

Knowing Scripture can save your life – in more ways than one!

Four Mothers Having Lunch

Mother 1: My son is a priest. When he enters the church, everyone says, Good morning Father. (And she's very proud)

Mother 2: My son is a bishop; everyone says, Good morning Your Excellency. (And she's very very proud)

Mother 3: My son is a cardinal; everyone says, Good morning Your Eminence. (And she's extremely proud).

All 3 look at Mother 4 and see what she has to say.

Mother 4: Oh, my son is not a priest. He's just a layman. And he's 350 pounds & 7 foot 6. And when he enters the church, everyone says, OH MY GOD!!!

Bro. Mody from page one

Mody really inspired me to have a deep faith in God which really helped us in our journey through life. One good example I can tell you was when he worked as the Bilingual Director at Jefferson Union High School District. For five consecutive years he was laid off at the end of each school year. I got so worried because we had bills to pay and the biggest payment was the house mortgage. However, Mody was never discouraged. He always told me that God is faithful to His promises and that He will never abandon us and he added that "We are never forgotten by God." True enough, because every year the program that he worked for got funding and more so he was re-hired. After five years of patiently waiting, his position became permanent. Praise the Lord!

He was never too busy to answer phone calls at any time of the day or night. He was always there to offer guidance. He was also glad to give and to share anything that he had because he always said, "Giving makes living a pleasure and thoughtfulness is the best measure of a person."

He taught our children love of God and to have an unwavering faith in Him. He instilled in them to retain the nice Filipino traits like the kissing of our elders' hands and adopt whatever is good in the western culture. He was a friend and a constant faithful anchor of our children. He helped each of them on the down payment of their homes but then required them to pay us back in order to teach them the responsibility of establishing their future. His values and actions influenced their character. He disciplined them in a very quiet way. His presence together with God's presence in him made our children who they are today. As a husband, he made everything special for

me. I never worried about what to cook for the family or what groceries to buy because he did it all. I can say that I had a good 38 and a 1/2 years with him. We traveled a lot until 2001 when he got very sick. However, in 2003 we made our last travel to Alaska. Through Mody's love for me I learned to understand God's love because so much of God's love was in him-*unselfish, very giving, and full of wisdom that I could not help but see God in him*

Even when he was sick he quietly bore all his sufferings which he offered to God and he told me that those sufferings were in atonement for any wrong done by our family or any member of the Light of God Community.

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God called Mody peacefully to be with Him in the afternoon of December 2, 2004. God must have welcomed him saying, "Well done, My good and faithful servant!"

I always pray that God will strengthen me more to start my life and resume its natural rhythm as well as to make a space in my life to review the joyful and pleasant times that I shared with him which provide me with nurturing memories. In so

doing I must celebrate life by following St. Paul's admonition to the Philippians, "Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead. I press on."

Today, instead of thinking about your problems, think about God's promises. Get a vision for what He has in store for your future. Imagine yourself living in victory. Imagine yourself healed. Imagine yourself walking in abundance. Imagine yourself blessing other people. Just imagine what God has in store for you because nothing is impossible with Him! Joel Osteen

Bitter Envy and Selfish Ambition

James 3:14-16 - "But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. Wisdom of this kind does not come down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice."

Reflection: Bitterness can just eat away at you, and it's easy to develop those feelings of envy and jealousy that lead to bitterness. After all, a lot of people seem to have more money, more popularity, more success than you. Yet, those feelings don't necessarily go away the day after you take off your cap and gown and head into your adult life. So learning to deal with them now can help your spiritual walk through the rest of your life.

Later in James 3 we learn that from wisdom comes peace. Those who are wise and let go of their bitterness "raise a harvest of righteousness." Living your life bitter and jealous of others only brings you down. Sometimes it is hard to be happy for others, especially when they throw their successes in your face. Yet, remember you have your own successes. You know that God will help you forgive them. Often they don't know better, or they are just really insecure. Be wise, be kind, and be forgiving, because God has been all those things to each of us at one time or another.

A competent and self-confident person is incapable of jealousy in anything.

Jealousy is invariably a symptom of neurotic insecurity.

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Laudate Updates:

We are now on our third issue of this publication (September-October). 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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San Lorenzo Ruiz (Continued from page 2)

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

they were transferred to [Nagasaki](#) to face trial by torture. He and his companions faced different types of torture. One of these was the insertion of needles inside their fingernails.

On 27 September 1637, Ruiz and his companions were taken to the Nishizaka Hill, where they were tortured by being hung upside down a pit. This form of torture was known as [tsurushi](#) in [Japanese](#) or *horca y hoyo* in [Spanish](#). The method was supposed to be extremely painful: though the victim was bound, one hand is always left free so that victims may be able to signal that they recanted, and they would be freed. Ruiz refused to renounce Christianity and died from blood loss and suffocation. His body was cremated and his ashes thrown into the sea. According to early records on Filipino Catechism, Lorenzo declared these words upon his death: *"I am a Catholic and wholeheartedly do accept death for the Lord; If I had a thousand lives,*

"I am a Catholic and wholeheartedly do accept death for the Lord; If I had a thousand lives, all these I shall offer to Him."

all these I shall offer to Him." Positio Super Introductione Causae or the cause of beatification of St. Lorenzo Ruiz was

authored by respected historian, Fr. [Fidel Villaruel](#), O.P., which led to his beatification during [Pope John Paul II](#)'s papal visit to the Philippines.

It was the first beatification ceremony to be held outside the [Vatican](#) in history. San Lorenzo Ruiz was [canonized](#) by the same pope in [Vatican City](#) on 18 October 1987, making him the first Filipino saint. *Wikipedia*

Relationships Take Time

One hundred years ago, our society was influenced greatly by the farm culture. That lifestyle was slower. There was a season for planting, a season for growing, and a season for harvesting. There was a natural pattern and timetable for living which couldn't be rushed. Today, we live in a technological society where things can't happen enough. Everything is instant—from oatmeal to news. Everything

even get frustrated when it takes a few milliseconds for the computer to warm up. Our society is characterized by words like: "over-nite", "drive-thru", and "log-on". We get impatient with anything that takes time.

There is one aspect of life which cannot be rushed—building a meaningful relationship with another person. You can make an acquaintance "on the spot", but a friendship won't happen instantaneously. And it doesn't develop overnight. It takes *time*. The most precious commodity of our "hurry up" society must be invested over the long-term if you expect to have a friendship that is dependable and fulfilling.

Growing a friendship is not unlike growing a crop. There has to be a season of *planting*: Time is spent in finding common interests. These initial contacts are followed by a season of *growing*: The friendship is nurtured beyond common interests as you begin to appreciate each other's differences which are discovered only by spending time together. As the relationship matures, you can begin a lifelong season of *harvest*: This is when the friendship proves to be a source of strength and encouragement to you.

We all want meaningful friendships. We desire relationships which are based on trust and loyalty, those which go beyond shallow courtesy all the way to "do everything for each other's" commitments. You can have this kind of friendship, but it will take time. Your time.

Calendar of Events

- October 12 to 14, 2012: Marriage Encounter, Fri-Sun at San Francisco Anselmo Theological Seminary, sponsored by BLD. Contact Emil and Chilla Lucero (415) 994-2194.
- 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.
- October 20, 2012: St. Elizabeth Centennial (100 years) celebration. Mass at 4:30 PM. Contact Sis. Hermie delos Reyes.
- General Assembly Meeting @ St. Thomas More Church on October 29, 2012, 7pm hosted by Lords Flock.
- October 29, 2012 at the General Assembly meeting. Nomination of FCCC Coordinator.
- November 2, 2012 at Corpus Christi church. First Friday Mass . (Bilingual).
- November 26, 2012: Election of FCCC Coordinator during the General Assembly Meeting.
- December 30, 2012: FCCC Christmas celebration and officers commissioning Mass. Venue TBA.

Please mark your calendars)

May the Lord bless you and keep you and may His light shine upon you and give you peace.