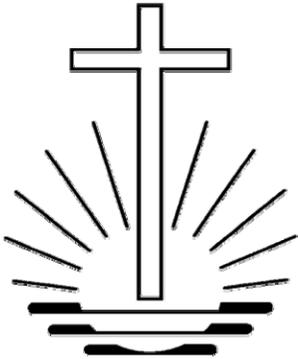


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Editorial

My dear youth,

In response to the worldwide call of our Chief Apostle to help him bring back the sealed souls who became inactive, during our last youth gathering we all agreed to think of one soul each of us to work in such souls through prayer and offering and visit such souls on his/her special day like birthday. I just want to follow-up how are you progressing?

May I send another call. In our approach today to general Christianity, in the past we sometimes act indifferently towards other Christians. Even some of our New Apostolic ministers fight over bible interpretations with other non-NAC ministers. Test fighting

instead of testifying. Lately in the information evening conducted by our Chief Apostle Leber last 24 January, a new understanding and such a wonderful statement was broadcasted worldwide.

'WE WANT OUR DOCTRINE TO BE CONVINCING'

Our Chief Apostle was such a wonderful lover of souls. He directs us today in clarity in our faith. Wonderful statements such as,

*"Christian baptisms administered in other denominations are **recognized by the New Apostolic Church** as long as they have been properly administered namely in the name of the triune God and with water. The valid baptismal formula is as follows; **"I baptized you in the name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit"**. The New Apostolic Church recognizes the act of Holy Baptism as performed in other Christian denominations because **it is God himself who bestows this fundamental act of grace** upon a human being, which affords the sacrament validity and effect."*

Therefore the sacrament of Holy Baptism is the triune God's first and fundamental act

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of grace upon a human being who believes in Christ. Its function is to wash away original sin.

Thereby an individual experiences his first close relationship with God. Henceforth he bears the name of the Lord and becomes a Christian. Holy Baptism comprises the first step to renewal in the Holy Spirit. During Holy Baptism the believer vows to make the earnest endeavor of avoiding sin and leading a life of following Christ, just as it is expressed in our confirmation vow:

"I renounce Satan and all his works and ways, and surrender myself to You, O triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in belief, obedience, and the earnest resolution to remain faithful to You until my end, Amen"

Christians of other denominations whose baptism are recognized by the New Apostolic Church (Roman Catholic Church and other Protestant Churches is recognized) are entitled to regularly partake in Holy Communion once they have made their profession to the New Apostolic Faith (10 Articles of Faith) upon being adopted.

Isn't that wonderful to look into the eyes of other Christian souls and express the love of God that they too have been chosen and elected. And that they can make their election sure. Since they were led already to the FIRST STEP TO RENEWAL IN THE HOLY SPIRIT (HOLY BAPTISM) and all it need is that they are guided further to a FULL LIFE and FULL FREEDOM by ATTAINING THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE HOLY SEALING. This sacrament can be obtained if the belief in the sending of the apostle ministry has matured. This offer is open to all souls I time and in eternity.

God offers the baptized soul access to salvation in Christ and ultimately to perfect redemption. Let us lead them (Christianity) with our heart's prompting to reach the day of the Lord, with the urgent longing for

perfection, to sincerely desire to experience the day of the Lord and to truly wanting to remain connected to Him for all eternity.

Let us lead them with our inner compulsion of our heart by doing whatever it takes to be united with the Lord as quickly as possible. As a New Apostolic our intensive waiting and preparation for the return of Christ is our hallmark! By doing this we give the Lord the opportunity to bless you.

Sincerely yours,

Timmy Gabriel



HOLY WEEK

Without Good Friday there is no Easter. Without Easter there is no Ascension. Without Ascension there is no Pentecost. We can understand today that to suffer in our soul life and overcome it God has permitted to give us a glorious end. The glory of the Son: Resurrection and Transformation to Ascension.

Last Sunday, April 16th, Ap. Urs Hebeisen served the joyful congregation in Makati with the word out of Romans 6: 4:

"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life."

Peace be with you! This was the first words of our Risen Lord to His disciples when he appeared to them in His new life. He did not accuse anymore His disciples on the stripes of His disappointments in his heart and soul. When Judas betrayed

Him, when Peter denied Him and when His disciples left Him. The new life is no longer looking into the past but looks into the future.

RISEN CHRIST ...

New life is no longer hindered by earthly conditions.

New life has no reproach but came as peacemaker.

New life has much patience and warmth to the spiritual community.

REBORN SOUL ...

To walk in the newness of life is that

- In this new life we give priority to manage our earthly life excellently and with confidence so it will not completely occupy us.
- In this new life we practice it so even we have disappointments we bring peace back into all situations of our life.
- In this new life we apply to our relationships with all people so that we could have understanding and sincerity towards all souls.

Let us all walk in the newness of life like Jesus Himself, so that we will be able to ascend.

3 young souls made their Confirmation vow: **Marjery Ido, Reinne Mark Maravilla,** and **Timrich Gabriel.** They had studied and were tested in their understanding of the New Apostolic Faith and our Ap. Hebeisen asked them to confirm their "Yes" to God and recite their confirmation vow.

After the service the Makati Youth initiated Egg Hunting, Egg Crushing and Egg Eating Fellowship which was enjoyed by the congregation.

Sisters stayed till the afternoon hour for their Livelihood Program for the "NAC-Relief" Fund by making Special Greeting Cards with

different cross-stitch designs to be sold abroad to those who would like to send specially designed cards to special people. The sisters enthusiastically embraced this new program which is still in an experiment stage.



Schedule of Activities

Calendar of Events - MAY 2006

MOTHERS DAY DIVINE SERVICE

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 07, 2006

PLACE: MAKATI CENTRAL CHURCH

TIME: 10 AM

OFFICIANT: DAPH URS HEBEISEN

**AFTER THE SERVICE PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE
INACTIVE AND GUEST SOUL.**

DIVINE SERVICE

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2006

PLACE: MAKATI CENTRAL CHURCH

TIME: 10 AM

TEACHER: DEV. ROLEX NAVARRO

**MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION
TO HONOUR MOTHERS**

SEALING SERVICE

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2006

PLACE: MAKATI CENTRAL CHURCH

TIME: 10:00 AM

OFFICIANT: AP. TIMMY GABRIEL

YOUTH MEETING AFTER THE SERVICE

ASCENSION DAY

DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006

PLACE: MAKATI CENTRAL CHURCH

NOTE: SUNDAY ATTENDANCE IN MAKATI

OFFICIANT: SH. ERNESTO SILVANO

YOUTH SERVICE

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2006

PLACE: MAKATI CENTRAL CHURCH

TIME: 10:00 AM

OFFICIANT: PR. ERLENDO DEPAZ

FOLLOWED BY YOUTH GATHERING

== Birthday Celebrants ==

MAY 2006

02 – Jayven Randy Morales
03 – Elenita Silvano
07 – Benjamin Tuazon
10 – Marvie May Maravilla
15 – Carry Silvano

20 – Mercy Valiente
25 – Analou Manlangit
25 – Randy Silvano
30 – Amelita Bongato

APOSTLE LETTER BOX

Dear Apostle,

How can you overcome the hurt which was caused to you by a very close friend, very close relative, and ministry bearer? Is it revenge, is it sincere repentance of the one who caused the offense or is it by faith in the gospel that God permitted it not as an evil but for the good of my soul's future?



ANSWER:

Definitely not revenge. How often was Jesus hurt when disappointed by his very friends and disciples. Yet he met them after the resurrection with the words **PEACE BE UNTO YOU**. Here are a few points to go by:

1. **Examine yourselves**, where is maybe your mistake which contributed a bit to the situation, which is now so hard to endure
2. **Analyse**. Many hurts and disappointments are only little misunderstandings and sometimes not even worth the thought.
3. **Go to the one who hurt you**. Ask for a private conversation on the matter. Tell him how you feel and ask for an explanation. A total new perspective might open up
4. **Forgive** and forgive again. As Jesus said: Not just ones but 7 x 70
5. **Reach out** and reconcile. Make all concerned feel that you have no grudges against them
6. **Ask** a Minister, or a trusted friend to mediate.
7. **Have patience**. Stick it out. Time often heals
8. **Pray** for all the above

Should nothing work, and you just cannot find peace, or the matter is very serious maybe even criminal, go to your Apostle and share **your feelings and seek counseling**.

Do not:

- Try to get even
- Withdraw or separate
- Leave the fellowship with others
- Judge, accuse or gossip about the matter

“LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOU LOVE YOURSELVES”

Greetings of Love, Urs Hebeisen

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