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Editor Says

In my favourite musical, Les Misérables, when the main character, Jean Valjean was about to cross over the threshold of death, the words that accompanied him were, *"To love another person is to see the face of God."* This line summed up his life on earth.

Jean Valjean, a former thief, changed his life when he encountered the forgiveness of Bishop Myriel. He started to live an honest life and learnt to believe in the power of love and goodness. On the other hand, Inspector Javert, was obsessed to bring Jean Valjean back to prison because he simply could not believe that a person could change for the better. He was a man who looked at the world in black or white. For him, the law has no place for mercy.

The world of ours is full of Javerts as well as Jean Valjeans.

There are some people who live their lives following laws and rules. They split the world as good and bad, friends and foes, the clever and the fool, success and failure. They love to quote numbers of rules of constitutions and laws in order to support their opinions. Such people find it hard to love with compassion because their love has no room for second chances.

"By thinking that everything is black and white, we sometimes close off the way of grace and of growth and discourage paths of sanctification which give glory to God" (Pope Francis' latest document, "The Joy of Love," regarding marriage and family life)

The world is not just black or white but existence of different shades of grey. We are called to love one another with Jesus' love. He loves without exception or limits. He loves the saints as well as the sinners. He always believes in second chances, and that people can change for the better. Look at the Samaritan woman, Zacchaeus, Matthew, the woman caught in adultery, etc. His mercy never condemns. His justice gave each of them a chance to a new life of love with God.

All of us should humbly accept that we have flaws and that none of us is black or white. It is time to open our hearts to believe in the power of love that gives second, third, fourth... chances.

Archdiocesan Biblical Apostolate Office
“Praying with Mercy in the New Testament”
@ St. Joseph Parish
Every Tuesdays of April





“The Transforming Power of Love”

2nd April

Easter Couple Retreat was organised by Sat and Sun couples disciples.

3 talks given respectively by Sr. Maria Jose, Aloysius (Sat couple disciple) and Michelle (Sun couple disciple). 17 new

participants came and had an enjoyable day of praying with the Word and sharing of their faith.



Loveworks Retreat

A young adults group from St Mary of Angels Parish

1st & 2nd April

“REJOICE!

Your names are written in Heaven.”

Conducted by the Verbum Dei Family:
Mark, Maureen, Clayton, Priscilla, Monika
@Choice retreat house



Priscilla's Entrance mass 15th April

Priscilla Su started her discernment journey with Verbum Dei Singapore since 2014. On 15th April, she came to stay with the community for an experience. We had a mass to mark this significant step in her journey. Her family was present for the celebration on that beautiful night.



Priscilla Su...

A step into deeper water

Why do I want to take this step to have an experience with Verbum Dei Missionary?

Whenever I look through my Facebook or other social media, I see how my friends live their lives by having a career, or starting their own family. I then look at myself with the choice I have made, I do not feel like I have fallen short of anything or that I am missing out in life.



I started my discernment journey in October 2014. I must say that this period of time has been an amazing one. I can describe it as getting on a roller coaster ride with many ups and downs, such as going through moments of facing my fears as well as joyful moments of growth.

Jesus always affirms me and puts a smile on my heart that He will take care of my journey. All I have to do is to stay rooted and remain in Him.

Now, it is another step of giving my “Yes” to further deepen my relationship and discernment journey with Jesus.

Please pray for me and my family as I keep you in my prayers as well. ☺

Project HoPe

by Verbum Dei Family

Selling of Terrariums
For Mothers' Day



Philippines- Taiwan- Singapore-Australia
Verbum Dei Permanent Formation
@ Tagaytay Retreat Centre
"Community: a privileged place to
recognise and welcome the will of God"
18th to 22nd April





St. Francis Xavier Parish Thursday Night Formation 28th April “The Word is Alive and Active”

