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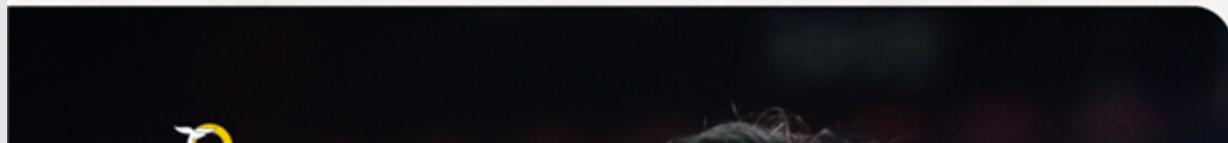
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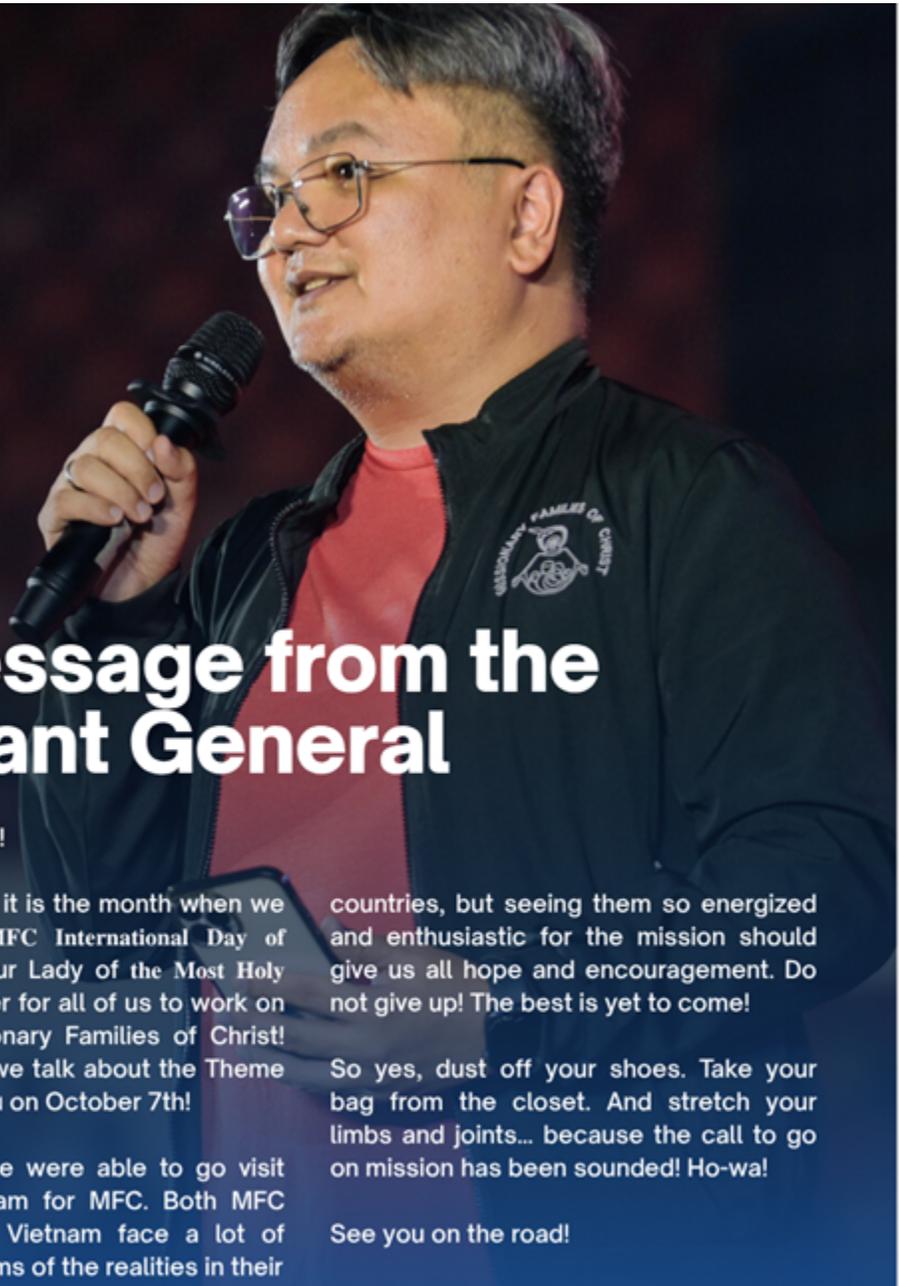


Missionary Families of Christ

October 2025 Newsletter

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A Message from the Servant General

Hello MFC Family!

It is October and it is the month when we celebrate our MFC International Day of Consecration to Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary! A reminder for all of us to work on our being Missionary Families of Christ! More on this as we talk about the Theme for 2026. See you on October 7th!

In September, we were able to go visit Qatar and Vietnam for MFC. Both MFC Qatar and MFC Vietnam face a lot of challenges in terms of the realities in their

countries, but seeing them so energized and enthusiastic for the mission should give us all hope and encouragement. Do not give up! The best is yet to come!

So yes, dust off your shoes. Take your bag from the closet. And stretch your limbs and joints... because the call to go on mission has been sounded! Ho-wa!

See you on the road!





MFC KIDS HIGHLIGHTS

This month, MFC Kids continues to move forward in faith, bringing kids from all around the world closer to Christ. The areas of Sibulan, Bohol, Laguna, Polomolok, and Davao conducted Kids Assemblies that inspired our children to know Christ and follow Him. Polomolok specifically conducted 3 Kids Assemblies across its 3 units. Indeed, no one is too young to know Christ.



Sibulan

On September 21, Sibulan conducted its Kids Assembly with 14 kids.

Bohol

The area of Bohol organized a Kids assembly with 14 kids last September 28.



Laguna

The kids assembly of Biñan Laguna was conducted at the Leonsame residence with 9 participants.





MFC YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

This year marks the return of the Area Youth Conference, a once annual event held by each area to gather the local youth for an extraordinary day of solemn prayer, vibrant worship, and inspiring talks. Smaller in scope compared to the World Youth Congress, the AYC calls the youth of each area to band together in

service in order to plan, organize, and execute their own event with the skills and talents that God has blessed them with. This month, the areas of Sargen (Sarangani & General Santos), South Cotabato, and Laguna held their conferences last September 28.



Laguna

TANGLAW Laguna Area Youth
Conference 2025
September 28 | Jose Rizal Memorial
School, Calamba

Sargen

Kahayag Sargen Area
Youth Conference 2025
September 28 | Sta. Cruz Parish,
Maasim, Sarangani





South Cotabato

Buhi ng Paglaum South Cotabato Area
Youth Conference 2025
September 28 | JRJ Function Hall, City of
Koronadal, South Cotabato



MFC SINGLES HIGHLIGHTS

This September, a total of 23 souls became part of our community through the Christian Life Seminars (CLS) held across Western Northern and Southern

Meanwhile, in General Santos City, the Mega CLS ran for four consecutive Sundays, and we praise God for the 2 participants who persevered and

across Western, Northern, and Southern Mindanao. A special highlight was the first-ever CLS for Singles in Zamboanga, which was blessed with 15 participants. In Tangub, Misamis Occidental, 6 more souls responded to God's call.

participants who persevered and completed the journey. Indeed, the Best Life Ever continues for these 23 souls who have embraced Christ and His mission.



S. Mindanao

Our brethren in General Santos City conduct their own 4-day Christian Life Seminar at Our Lady of Manaog Chapel last September 7, 14, 21, and 28.

N. Mindanao

Tangub, Misamis Occidental conducts a CLS with 6 participants in Tangub City last September 13-14.



W. Mindanao

MFC Singles Zamboanga conducts the first-ever CLS for MFC Singles with 15 participants in Zamboanga City last September 6-7.





MFC HANDMAIDS HIGHLIGHTS

MFC Handmaids, being one of our most vibrant sections in MFC, continues to lead the charge with our evangelistic efforts through a healthy balance of internal pastoral formation and persistent external mission work in the parishes and a plethora of different institutions. MFC Handmaids NCR Central and East joyfully go where God sends them, from a Live Life Forum in Cainta to an engagement with the BJMP Women detainees in Pasig, God continues to use our beautiful women of faith to make disciples of all nations.



Sta. Clara de Montefalco

The MFC Handmaids assist No One in Need with their medical mission at Sta. Clara de Montefalco Parish, Pasig City.

BJMP Women

LCSC Engagement at Kanlungan sa Pasig & BJMP Women detainees on August 12 at Nagpayong Pasig City with Holy Mass presided by Rev. Fr. Phoelix Gutierrez.



Manila Vice Mayor Atienza

MFC Handmaids meet with Vice Mayor Chie Atienza of Manila regarding the Values Formation sessions to be given to the Kababaihan ng Maynila in the different barangays of Manila. Engagements to start in October 2025.

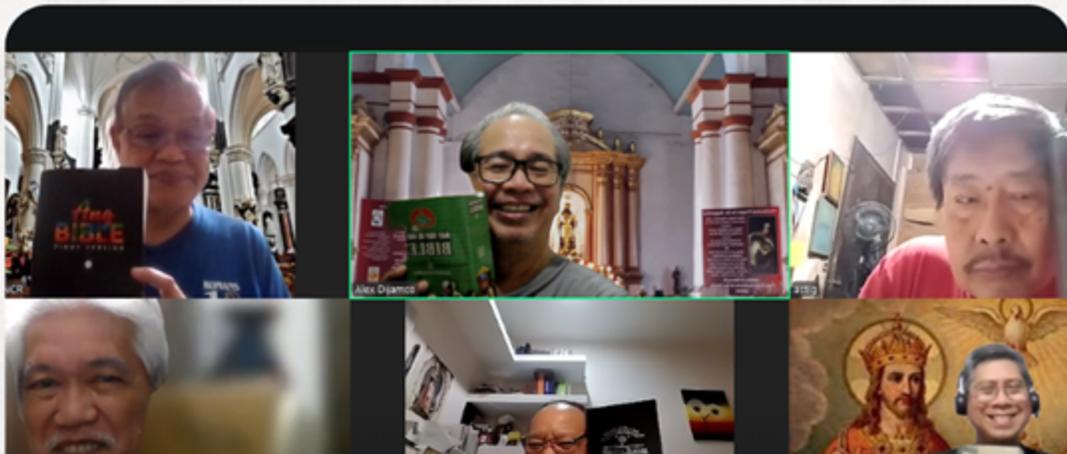


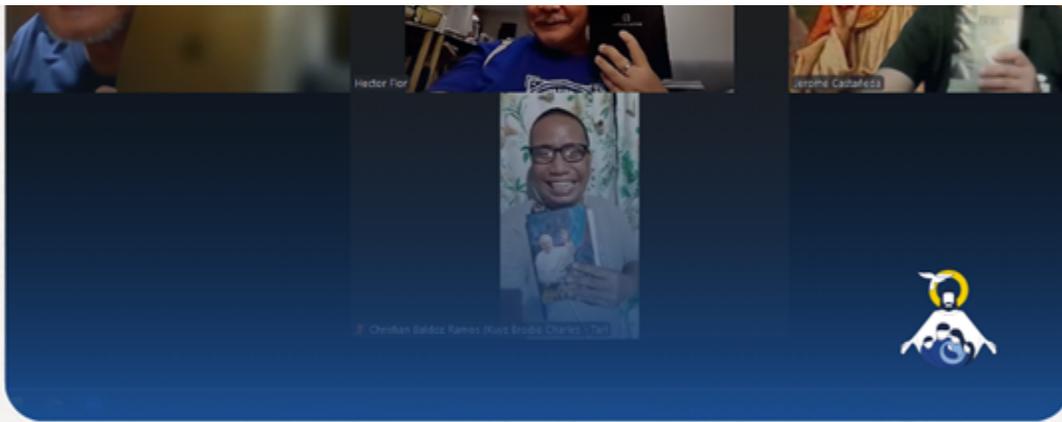
Simeona Chapel

Live Life Forum on "It's Not You, It's Stress" conducted by FTW Abigail Mae Garcia on September 13, Saturday at Simeona Chapel, Marikina with 40 Servant Leaders

San Mateo, Rizal

MFC Handmaids Enrichment Retreat 2 at Triple D Resort, Silangan, San Mateo Rizal on September 20 - 21, attended by 55 members, Household and Unit Coordinators with speakers Marichu Bangaysiso, Attie Uy, May Anden and Iyam Salvanera.





MFC SERVANTS HIGHLIGHTS

Though rains and storms dampened our LCSC activities, the Servants did not falter in knowing and learning God's message for us through our Thursday weekly Live the Word: Liturgical Bible Study (LBS).

Always looking forward to our regular weekly LBS, the Word of God comes alive, bringing us to far-off places where those scenes happened, the culture and sentiment of that time and most importantly, the true message our Father wants us to know, to experience and to live out.





MFC HANDMAIDS INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Our Handmaids are active and present around the world, making waves and proclaiming the Gospel throughout the nations. Our sisters in Thailand, Hong Kong, and India

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Papua New Guinea

MFC PNG Handmaids gathered for a powerful and grace-filled Handmaids Echo Congress at the Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Port Moresby-Papua New Guinea last September 13.

Thailand

Handmaids Enrichment Retreat (HER 1) with 22 attendees from Bangkok (14),



Minburi (1), and Pattaya (7). Speakers from Manila were Menchie Donato, Nona Cammayo and Remy Aguas.



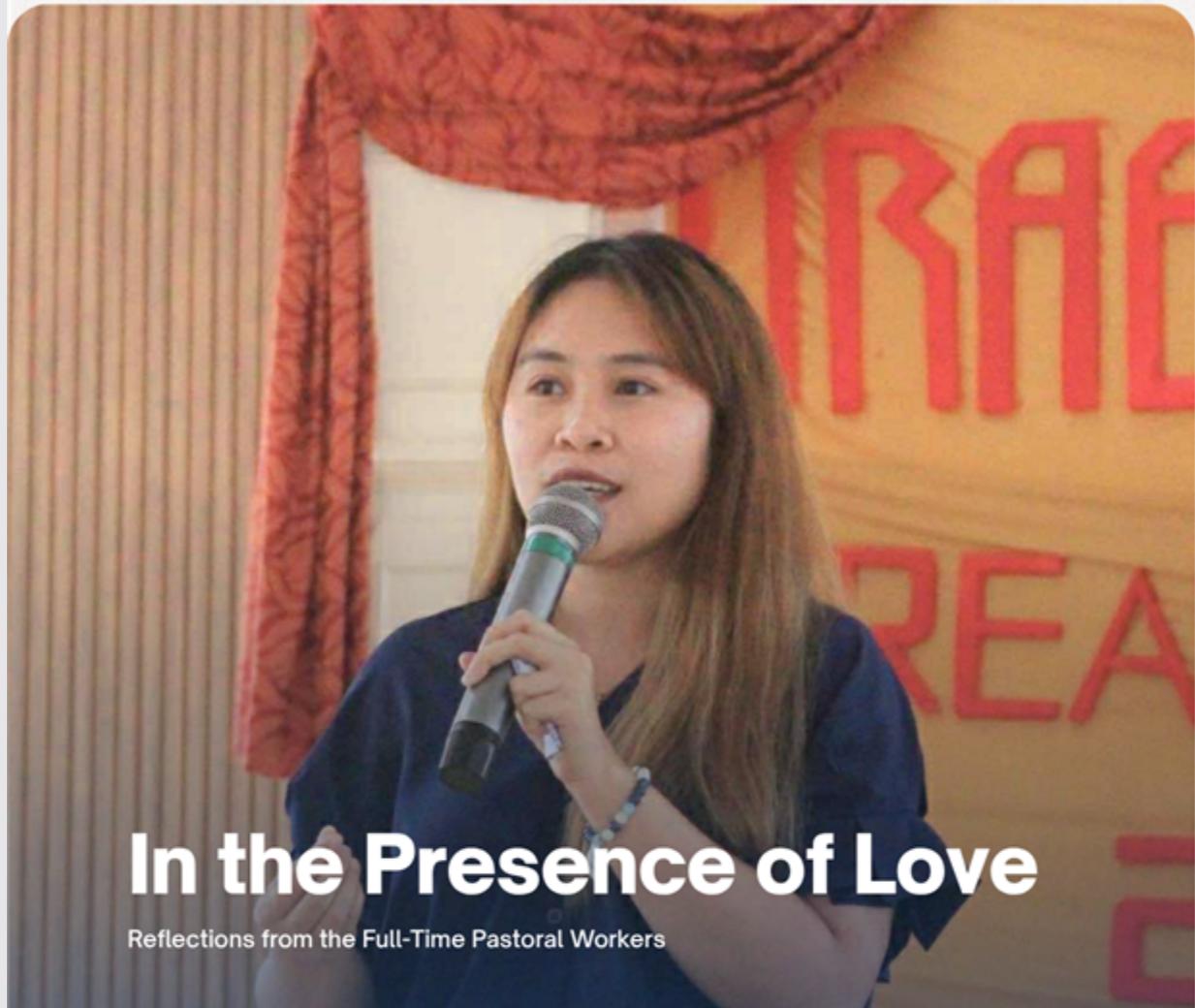
Hong Kong

The six new members of MFC Handmaids Hong Kong after their CLS on July 17, 2025 at Tseung Kwan O., Hong Kong



India

The National Handmaids Conference in India was held last September 21 in Goa, with the theme Lumina. The gathering brought together around 470 Handmaids from different parts of the country for a one-day program filled with talks delivered in three languages—English, Konkani, and Hindi—allowing everyone to fully engage and be enriched by the sessions.



In the Presence of Love

Reflections from the Full-Time Pastoral Workers

I grew up in a nominal Catholic home where prayer wasn't part of our routine. My parents didn't teach us to pray or even say grace before meals. Well-meaning relatives and neighbors encouraged us to go to Mass and taught us simple prayers, but without faith rooted in our own household, I eventually drifted into being a non-practicing Catholic.

Life became very difficult when my father left. For a long time, that wound left an emptiness in my heart that kept me from seeing God's grace. I carried deep anger and even felt as though God had abandoned my family. I drifted away from the Catholic Church and grew more distant from my faith.

Meanwhile, my younger sister became active in the parish—first in the Parish Youth Ministry and later in the MFC community. Instead of supporting her, I often criticized her mission. I saw life and family through a different lens and disagreed with many of the values she embraced. But God never wanted me to stay in that darkness. In His mercy, He pulled me away from choices that could have destroyed me and began softening my heart. My turning point came through a painful heartbreak—right there I realized God was calling me back home to Him.

I eventually joined MFC Singles, and it was there that Jesus met me in a powerful way. I became active in the community and often went to church whenever the pain resurfaced. Along the journey, I discovered the depth and beauty of our Catholic faith. At the first community event I attended by choice, I experienced Eucharistic exposition for the very first time. I was awed by the profound reverence everyone showed before the Blessed Sacrament. From that moment, I felt drawn ever closer to the Holy Eucharist, visiting the Lord frequently in adoration. The adoration chapel became my sanctuary—my holy ground—where I knew I was truly loved, heard, and seen.

Because of this profound love, my life was transformed. It moved me to forgive my father, to follow whatever the Lord asked of me, to recognize His call, and to open my heart to become a full-time missionary. I gave up nearly ten years of a career I had built and surrendered my future to God. To some, it might look foolish to give up something I worked so hard for—but love leaves no other reason. It was all for the love of God.

As a media missionary, spreading the Gospel through beauty became my calling. I serve at community events in the tech booth—late nights and tired eyes from finishing graphics—but my heart is full because I know exactly for Whom I offer it all. The struggles of being a full-time missionary are real, yet I continue to entrust everything to Him who never let me go.

Now, as I enter a new chapter through the vocation of marriage, I will keep offering everything to God—my heart, my service, my future, my whole life. My prayer is that every step of this journey will always point back to His great love.

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International Day of Consecration to

OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

October 7 | St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Mandaluyong City

- 6:45 PM Gathering
- 7:00 PM Holy Rosary and Act of
Consecration Prayer
- 7:30 PM Message from the Servant General
- 7:45 PM Holy Mass



LIVE VIA:   YouTube

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MFC - NCR

Seniors Assembly

October 26, 2025
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Multipurpose Hall, Layforce,
San Carlos Seminary Makati City

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