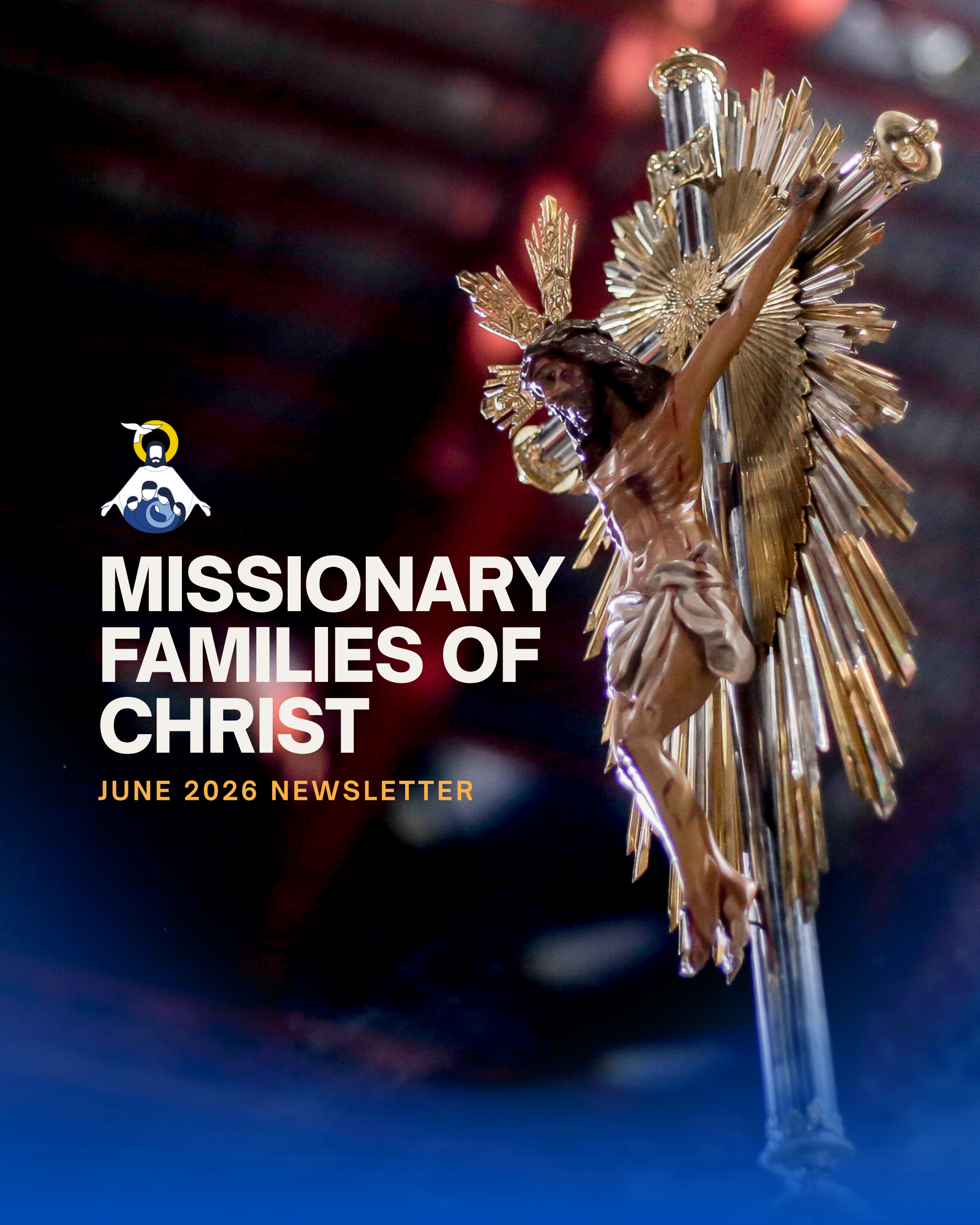


MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER



A Message from the Servant General

Happy 45th Anniversary!

In two weeks we will see each other at the Araneta Coliseum for our Anniversary celebration! Amazing to think that there will be 10,000 MFC all together celebrating 45 years of Missionary Families of Christ!

We thank all the International Areas that have donated to support the event, and the Philippine Areas who have reached their allocations and are ready for June 13!

MFC has been through so much over 45 years. Our Founding in 1981, Birth of the Sections in the 90s, Social involvement in the 00s, Restoration in 2007, and our becoming Missionary Families of Christ in 2019. It's been an exciting journey, and we are not yet done!

Happy 45th Anniversary, MFC! We are Rooted in Christ, and ready to go out rapidly, massively and all around the world!

MFC SECTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

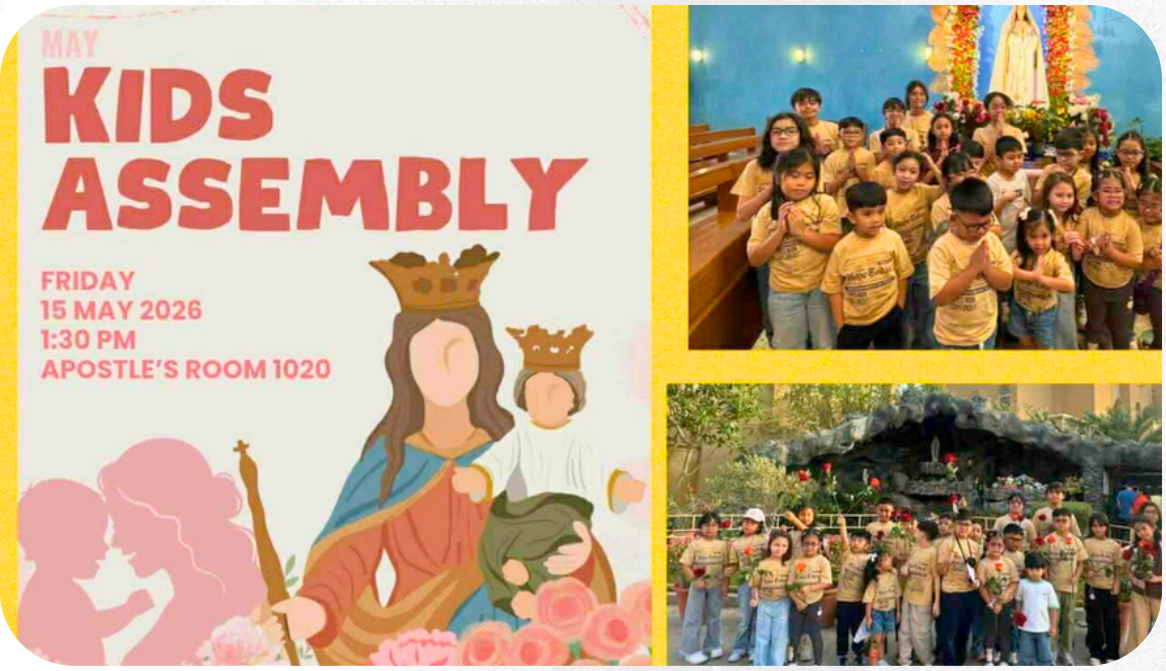
SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC KIDS



This month, MFC Kids around the world continued to grow in faith, courage, and love for Christ. From the Joint Kids Assembly in Qatar, where children honored Mama Mary through prayer, Mass, and flower offerings, to the Couple Coordinators Training in New Zealand, efforts were made to strengthen the formation and care of the next generation. Across Catanduanes, Isabela, Polomolok, Tarlac, and NCR North, Kids Assemblies taught children the value of bravery and trusting in God through everyday challenges.

Meanwhile, MFC Kids Dumaguete welcomed new members through its “Jesus in My Life” Kids Camp, inspiring young hearts to deepen their relationship with Christ and experience the joy of belonging to God’s family. Through every gathering, our MFC Kids continue to grow as courageous disciples, rooted in faith and filled with God’s love.



Qatar

MFC Kids from Doha and Al Khor gathered for a meaningful Kids Assembly, honoring Mama Mary through prayer, Holy Mass, and flower offerings as a sign of their love and devotion.

New Zealand

MFC Kids New Zealand held its first Couple Coordinators Training at the Northshore Unit, strengthening the formation and care of the next generation through dedicated servant leaders.





Dumaguete

MFC Kids Dumaguete welcomed 14 new members through its “Jesus in My Life” Kids Camp, inspiring children to deepen their faith, grow closer to Christ, and experience the joy of being part of God’s family.

SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC YOUTH



Following the World Youth Congress, MFC Youth continued its mission of formation and evangelization throughout May. Core servant leaders from Metro Manila and various provinces across Luzon gathered for the Summer House Training (SHOUT), deepening their faith, strengthening their leadership, and fostering a culture of brotherhood, sisterhood, and mission.

Across different areas, Youth Camps continued to bring young people closer to Christ, including the Built in Him Youth Camp in Davao City and the Hugot Kay Kristo Youth Camp in Claveria, Misamis Oriental, which welcomed many new participants. Meanwhile, the MFC Youth Qatar Assembly provided an opportunity for fellowship and formation. Through these gatherings, MFC Youth remains committed to leading more young people into a life-changing encounter with Christ.



Metro Manila

Evangelization work to make all youth know Christ continues this month of May. Different provinces and areas in Metro Manila conducted youth camps. This became an avenue for the young people to have a Jesus encounter that radically changed their lives.

Misamis Oriental

Twenty-three young people encountered Christ through the Hugot Kay Kristo Youth Camp held on May 1–2, 2026, in Claveria, Misamis Oriental, deepening their faith and relationship with God.





Qatar

Last May 17, MFC Youth Qatar gathered for their Youth Assembly, fostering faith, fellowship, and a deeper commitment to live as missionary disciples of Christ.

Davao

Twenty new young people were evangelized through the Built in Him Youth Camp held on May 15–17, 2026 in Toril, Davao City.



SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC SINGLES



A month after the World Singles Congress, the fire continued to burn across Negros Occidental (Binalbagan and Kabankalan), West Leyte (Hilongos), Iloilo, and Cebu (Lapu-Lapu) through their respective Christian Life Seminars. These gatherings led many souls closer to Christ and welcomed new members into the growing MFC Singles family, beginning a journey of faith, vocation, and mission.

SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC COUPLES



This month, MFC Couples across different mission areas experienced God's faithfulness through gatherings that strengthened faith, family, and mission. In New Zealand, the World Couples Congress Echo Conference renewed hearts and inspired couples to continue living boldly for Christ. MFC Singapore celebrated another year of God's blessings, honoring lives transformed and families strengthened through His grace. Full-time missionaries and their spouses also gathered for a meaningful formation on financial stewardship, learning to faithfully manage God's provisions while serving in mission. Meanwhile, MFC Qatar was blessed by a pastoral visit and meeting with Bishop Aldo Berardi, receiving encouragement and prayers as they continue their work of evangelization. Together, these moments remind us that when families remain rooted in Christ, they become powerful witnesses of faith, hope, and love in the world.



New Zealand

The WCC Echo Conference of MFC New Zealand brought couples together for a meaningful encounter with God through worship, testimonies, and fellowship. Strengthened in faith and united in spirit, participants were inspired to continue living out their vocation and mission, allowing God’s love and purpose to echo through their families and communities.

Singapore

MFC Singapore celebrated another year of God’s faithfulness, honoring lives transformed, hearts renewed, and faith strengthened through His grace. As the community reflects on God’s blessings through every challenge and victory, members were reminded to remain rooted in Christ and continue serving as instruments of hope, unity, and love.





Home Office

A meaningful gathering of full-time missionaries and their spouses provided insights on financial stewardship, reminding participants to faithfully manage God's blessings with wisdom, discipline, and gratitude while continuing to serve His mission.

Qatar

MFC Qatar was blessed to meet with H.E. Bishop Aldo Berardi, O.S.S.T. during his pastoral visit, receiving his prayers, encouragement, and support alongside parish and community leaders as they continue their mission of evangelization.



SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC HANDMAIDS



What a grace-filled and joy-filled weekend at the World Handmaids Congress 2026! With the theme “Pananatili: Aking Mithi, kay Kristo Mamalagi,” Handmaids from different places gathered as one sisterhood to pray, laugh, learn, share stories, and encounter Christ in a deeper way. Beyond the talks, songs, and activities, the Congress reminded us that true fulfillment is found not in constantly moving from one thing to another, but in choosing every day to remain in Jesus, who is our source of strength, peace, and purpose. As we return to our homes, communities, and missions, may our hearts continue to burn with the desire to stay close to Him, trusting that when we remain in Christ, He will continue to bear beautiful fruit through our lives. Thank you, Lord, for a weekend of faith, friendship, and renewed commitment to abide in You!

SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC SERVANTS



May was a month of grace and transformation for MFC Servants as the LCSC ASTiG mission continued to bring Christ's love behind prison walls. Through LCS graduations, SeLF formations, and ongoing engagements in Baras, Cainta, and Antipolo, many PDLs and BJMP personnel experienced renewed faith, hope, and a deeper relationship with Christ. Beyond formation, the ministry also extended support through livelihood initiatives and community teachings, affirming its commitment to journey with the least, the last, and the lost.

Through every encounter, MFC Servants witnessed lives being transformed by the Holy Spirit—reminding us that no wall can hinder God's mercy, and no person is ever beyond His love.



LCSC Baras

Last May 4, MFC Servants celebrated the graduation of 150 PDLs at BJMP Baras Municipal Jail, marking a powerful milestone of faith, hope, and transformation through the LCSC journey.

NCR North

Last May 4, MFC Servants conducted a SeLF formation for BJMP personnel at BJMP Baras Municipal Jail, renewing hearts, deepening faith, and strengthening their commitment to live out their vocation with Christ at the center.





NCR North

Last May 11, MFC Servants continued their LCSC ASTiG mission at BJMP Antipolo Male Dorm, witnessing hearts renewed and lives transformed through a deeper encounter with Christ.

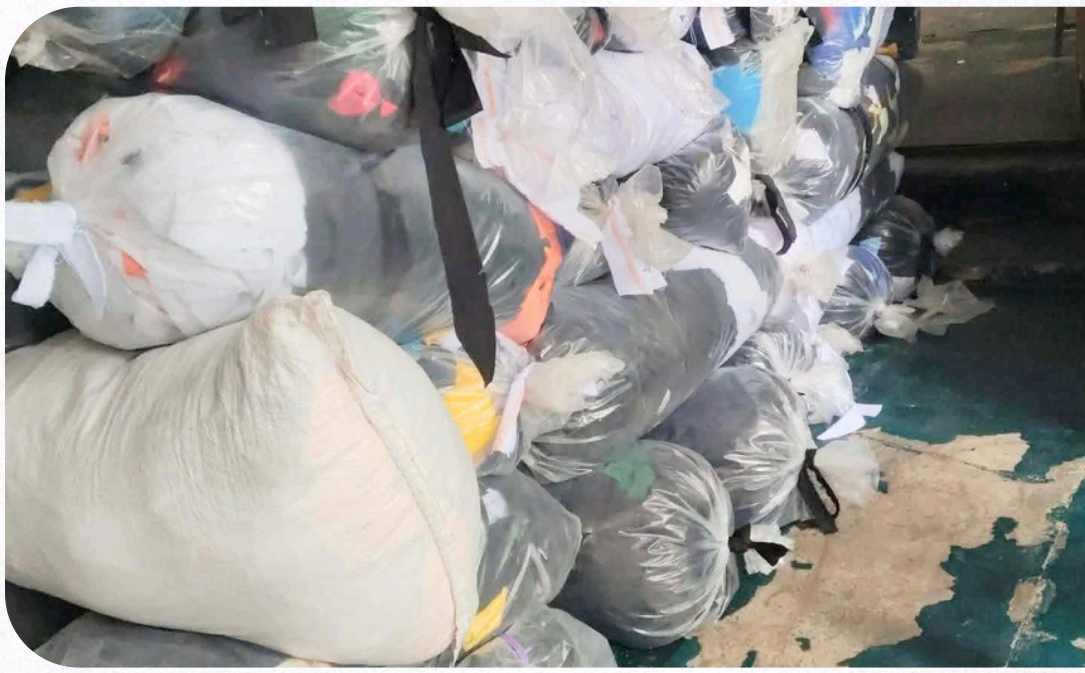


NCR North

Last May 14, MFC Servants celebrated the graduation of PDLs from the Life in the Spirit Seminar at BJMP Cainta, witnessing renewed faith, grateful hearts, and hope-filled lives.

NCR North

Last May 22, MFC Servants conducted an LCSC ASTiG engagement at BJMP Cainta, supporting the “Van of Retasos” livelihood project and bringing hope and encouragement to our PDL brothers and sisters.





NCR North

Last May 23, MFC Servants conducted a SeLF formation for the mandated organizations of Sto. Niño de Congreso, reflecting on identity, humility, and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in daily Christian living.



Tagaytay

Last April 22, MFC Servants held an LCSC ASTiG engagement at BJMP Tagaytay City Jail, journeying with personnel as they rediscovered their identity in Christ and were empowered to live out their mission as steadfast and faithful servant leaders.

NCR East

Last April 27, MFC Servants held an LCSC ASTiG engagement for Batch 3 at BJMP Male Dorm, Antipolo City Jail, continuing LCS seminars that bring hope and renewal to PDLs through Christ.





NCR East

Last April 29, MFC Servants held an LCSC ASTiG engagement at BJMP Female Dorm, Antipolo City Jail, where LCS and SeLF seminars strengthened both PDLs and personnel, renewing their hearts to serve with faith and compassion.



SAY YES!

A sharing by:

Bro. DR Arellano, MFC National Sections Coordinator

SAY YES!

We were enrolling our son in school. This is his first official year of schooling, and he is turning five years old. As parents, we are excited for this new chapter in his life. While filling out the enrollment form, I came to the section asking for the father's occupation. I typed: “Full-Time Pastoral Missionary, Missionary Families of Christ.”

Then I paused. Something stirred in my heart.

I never imagined that one day, the calling God gave me would become part of my son's story as well. It struck me that my vocation is no longer just about me. It has become part of my family's identity. One day, when people ask about his father, my son will say, "My dad is a missionary."

Twelve years ago, I said yes to God's call to become a missionary. I was deeply in love with God, mission, and amazed by the way He transforms lives. My yes was my response to God's love. It is my way of saying, "Lord, I love You too."

Looking back, that yes changed everything. God used the mission to form me into the man I am today. I witnessed lives transformed, families restored, and countless people encounter Christ in a personal way.

Twelve years ago, it was only me saying yes. Today, that yes includes my wife, who faithfully supports me in the mission. It includes my son, who is growing up seeing what it means to serve God. What began as a personal response to God's invitation has become a family journey.

I realized that every yes to God creates a ripple effect.

We often think our response affects only us. But God uses our yes to bless our families, inspire our friends, strengthen our communities, and touch lives we may never even know. He takes our simple offering and multiplies it for His glory. As missionaries, we are called to make Christ known and loved. Whether through our words, our service, or our witness, we bring the Good News wherever God sends us.

Never underestimate what God can do through your yes. Your yes may inspire your children. Your yes may lead someone back to God. Your yes may become the beginning of a story that will bless generations.

What a privilege it is to be invited into God's mission. What "yes" is God inviting you to give today, and who might be blessed because of your response? If God is calling you, do not be afraid. Say yes.



The MFC Australia Nightly Community Rosary

A sharing from MFC Australia

The MFC Australia Nightly Community Rosary

The MFC Australia nightly rosary was born in a moment when physical gatherings were no longer possible. In August 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, lockdowns and restrictions made face-to-face evangelisation and prayer meetings effectively impossible across Australia and much of the world. Yet rather than pause, the community turned to technology as a means of continuing its mission of faith.

Through a simple Zoom link invitation at 8:00 PM Sydney time, families were gathered into a shared digital space to pray the rosary each night. What began as a practical response to restriction soon revealed a deeper grace: technology, often seen as distant or impersonal, became a bridge for communion, allowing faith to be shared, strengthened and sustained across homes, states, and even borders.

Growth of a Living Devotion

Over time, the rosary evolved from a small group gathering into a shared responsibility among families, with each household taking turns leading the prayers. This rotation fostered a sense of ownership and communal devotion, where participation was not passive but active and intentional.

Each month, MFC members from a designated Australian state take turns leading the rosary, embracing both the responsibility of guiding the prayer and the privilege of serving the wider community in this shared devotion.

As the practice deepened, a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was added before the rosary, setting a more contemplative tone for the evening prayer.



The community also began including prayers to Our Lady of Monte Berico, Saint Roch, and Saint Michael the Archangel, each carrying deep significance for a community shaped by pandemic experience and ongoing pastoral needs.

Saint Roch, long venerated as a protector against plagues and infectious disease, became especially meaningful during and after COVID-19, as families continued to pray for healing, protection, and resilience in the face of illness and uncertainty. His intercession reflects a desire for both physical and spiritual recovery, especially for vulnerable members of the community and their families.
Our Lady of Monte Berico, traditionally invoked as a motherly protector during times of plague and hardship in Vicenza, Italy, also carries strong symbolic meaning. Her presence in the prayer life of the community reflects trust in Mary's maternal care and her role as intercessor during suffering.

"Welcome me, O merciful Mother, under your mantle, which is a maternal mantle."

For many, she represents comfort, protection of families, and hope in moments of fear or transition. Together with Saint Roch, her inclusion reinforces the rosary as a prayer not only of devotion but of refuge and divine assistance in times of distress.

A Prayer Network Across Australia and Beyond

Prayer leaders are guided by a shared visual guide, which also helps the rest of the participants follow along. Remarkably, the rosary has never missed a single day since it began, even when Zoom faltered or when a designated presentation operator was unavailable. In those moments, someone always stepped forward to ensure the prayer continued, reflecting a strong commitment to maintaining the daily rhythm.

Over time, members who live interstate—many of whom have never met in person—became familiar through their roles as online prayer leaders. When gatherings such as MFC Echo conferences take place, there is a sense of recognition and connection, as voices once known only through screens are finally associated with real presence and fellowship.

At the heart of the nightly rosary is a steady stream of personal intentions brought before the Lord. Members pray for healing from illness, safety in travel, resolution of family concerns, and successful visa applications, among many other needs that arise in daily life.

Relatives living outside Australia are also invited to join, extending the reach of the prayer beyond one geographic community. In this way, the rosary becomes more than a devotional practice; it functions as a spiritual support network that responds directly to the real needs of families.

A Foundation for Community Life

The nightly rosary eventually became the foundation upon which other online gatherings were built. Immediately after the prayer, members continue with household meetings, liturgical Bible studies, online teachings, or service meetings among servant leaders. This rhythm has created a natural flow where prayer anchors community life rather than existing alongside it as a separate activity.

Over time, the schedule has become familiar and dependable, with families structuring their evenings around it. The consistency of gathering at the same time each day has fostered a sense of stability, making the rosary an integral part of daily life.

Family Faith and Invitation to Others

One of the most enduring fruits of the nightly rosary is the way it has formed families in prayer. Children learn to recite the prayers and gradually take on leadership roles, while elderly parents remain faithful participants, offering quiet strength and continuity. Along the way, some members who were once part of the online rosary community have passed on and are deeply missed, yet they remain present in memory and prayer, still connected through faith.

An Invitation to Begin the Journey of Prayer

If your family has not yet experienced the beauty of gathering for an intimate time of prayer, consider this an invitation to begin. Organising a simple online rosary—whether through Zoom or another platform—can become a powerful way to bring your household together before God, even across distances and busy schedules.
It does not need to be elaborate or perfect. What matters is the willingness to pause, to pray, and to entrust your home and loved ones to the care of Jesus through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Mama Mary. In that quiet rhythm of daily prayer, many discover not only peace and unity within the family, but also a deeper personal transformation of heart.

As pilgrims here on earth and missionaries by calling—implied even in the identity we carry—we are reminded that our lives are not lived in isolation but in journey and mission. The Rosary beautifully reflects this reality. Each decade draws us into the story of Jesus and Mary, not as distant figures of history, but as companions in faith who walked the path of obedience, suffering, joy, and glory.
Begin small, remain faithful, and allow the rosary to become a space where grace can enter daily life. You may find, as many have, that what starts as a simple gathering becomes a lasting source of strength, healing, and hope.

New Zealand Echo Conference 2026

A sharing by:

Bro. Noel Magsanoc Matencio, MFC East Household

New Zealand Echo Conference 2026

Novotel Tainui Hamilton City

Day 1 started out as a very chilly foggy autumn morning. The Main Function Hall was a flurry of activity. All teams are on deck way ahead of the start time.

Echo Con Directors Bro. Richard and Sis. Lia Papa with Bro. Elbert jump started the day with a lively Praise and Worship participated in by the different coordinating teams, the Youth, Singles, Music Min and a handful of Household Leaders.

On hand for the morning worship was the Wellington household who provided lovely songs of Praise.

What a way to kick off the day. Straight up one can feel the presence and warmth of the Holy Spirit as it will prove to be a full on day ahead.

Theme for this year **"Rooted in Christ"** is taken from **Colossians 2: 6-7 "You must live your whole life according to the Christ you have received, Jesus the Lord. You must be rooted in Him and built on Him and held firm by the faith you have been taught and full of thanksgiving."** This St Paul's call to the Colossians admonishes them to live their whole lives in Christ, firmly planted, deeply grounded and unshaken.

On stage to host the Conference are East Unit Heads Bro. Vic and Sis. Johndell Ubido. You can feel that the host couple has been long time active members of the community, by way of their warm rapport to all participants and positive energy that proved to be a great starter for the day.

Fr. Jojo Buenafe initiated Session 1 with the topic Rooted in Christ

Why focus on the roots?
It enables the Trees growth, they anchor it firmly. They draw nutrients to develop and strengthen it. A deep secured root can withstand bad weather on air and on the ground. When leaves and branches get torn, the Tree stands firm because of strong roots.

Why Strong Roots are Essential?
These strong roots serves as firm anchor for the family as we quote Bro Frank Padilla "Our Charism is Evangelization founded on FamilyRenewal"

Roots grow stronger when drawn from the right source similar to deepening our connection with God through Prayers, Scripture readings and daily relationship with God.

Session 2 by Tito Lachie Agana "Living the Call"

With decades of fruitful experience in the Ministry, Tito Lachie shared the real life challenges as members of MFC. HE is consistently reminding us to remain steadfast at attending household meetings, share our time, talent and treasure regardless of what's happening in your family or career. He shared stories of members having personal differences which at times becomes the cause to be inactive in attendinG household meetings.

It was evident Tito Lachie misses greatly his better half Sis Gie What resonated in his talk was telling all the Bros to love your wife deeply while she is there. There is nothing more painful than losing your wife.

Sharers Bro Siegfred and Sis Joanne lovingly inspired couples to stay strong when faced with Marital challenges. With Prayers and compliance with our Marriage vows we will endure and overcome.

Bro Michael and Sis Amor shared how they managed to be strong when faced with child rearing tasks simultaneous with being household servants. Regardless of the difficulties they said Yes Lord!

Session 3 Walking on Mission by MFC Servant General, Bro. Xavy Padilla

Shared his Up close and personal stories of conversion. He was already in his early 20s when he joined the ministry.It was an admission that surprised many of us thinking that the son of our founder Bro Frank would have started very young. His talk focused on how we as members should become living examples of being MFC. Live a healthy and righteous life. Be good role models to your children. Old school gentle discipline still works.

He gave the call to read more Scriptures on a regular basis, be open to service and strengthen the family through Prayers. Sharers Bro Don and Sis Chi "MFC is not about perfection, but perseverance in love" Bro Joel and Sis Tisa inspired us with stories of servant leadership. As Servant leaders, we do not give up on our members.

Day 1 Praise and Worship Leaders Bro Ronnel, Bro Godoy and Bro Larry roused the crowd on their feet with awesome Praise Music from the Band Led by Bro Ian and Bro Kelvin, Bro Nathan, Bro Jess, Bro Earl, Bro Noel and Sis Ayla

Prom Night
Bubbly Hosts Couple Bro Sieg and Sis Joanne were perfect for the role. It was a fun night of simple elegance. The Kahoot game was a blast, the Rolling Karaoke brought out the divas in the households. Bro VIC and Sis Johndel was fittingly crowned King and Queen of the night. Was a relaxing nightcap for everyone.

Day 2 Holy Mass -Ascension of the Lord

Fr Jojo homily highlighted being Loving and Giving, having less of me and more of you my brethren. In all things we do, we do so for the glory of Jesus. Choir was led by Sis Lia & Sis Cathy with the Saint Patrick Panmure FILCOM choir. We remember Jesus was focused on his Mission. Just as we being in MFC, also has our special part in the Mission of saving souls.

There will be trials, challenges and heart aches. But **we are called to bear FRUIT**
F- Faith in God
R - Radical living by defending Faith Family and Life
U - unity
I - IntentionalDiscipleship, use your gifts for the Lord
T - Testimony of Love founded on Family Renewal it should start with your families

A weekend full of Christ's love, inspiring sharers, Fun Prom night, heaps of Singing Praises to the King.

It was truly a memorable Holy Spirit filled Echo Con where we root ourselves in Christ's grace. As we strengthen this root, it will surely bear Fruit.

We commit to be a life giving tree, faithfully rooted in Christ saving souls as Missionary Family.



MFC INDIA

NEWSLETTER

This issue begins a special series featuring the cities where MFC is actively present in India. Each edition includes reflections from local clergy, inspiring testimonies from pastoral workers and members, and highlights of MFC's programs and mission activities across the country.



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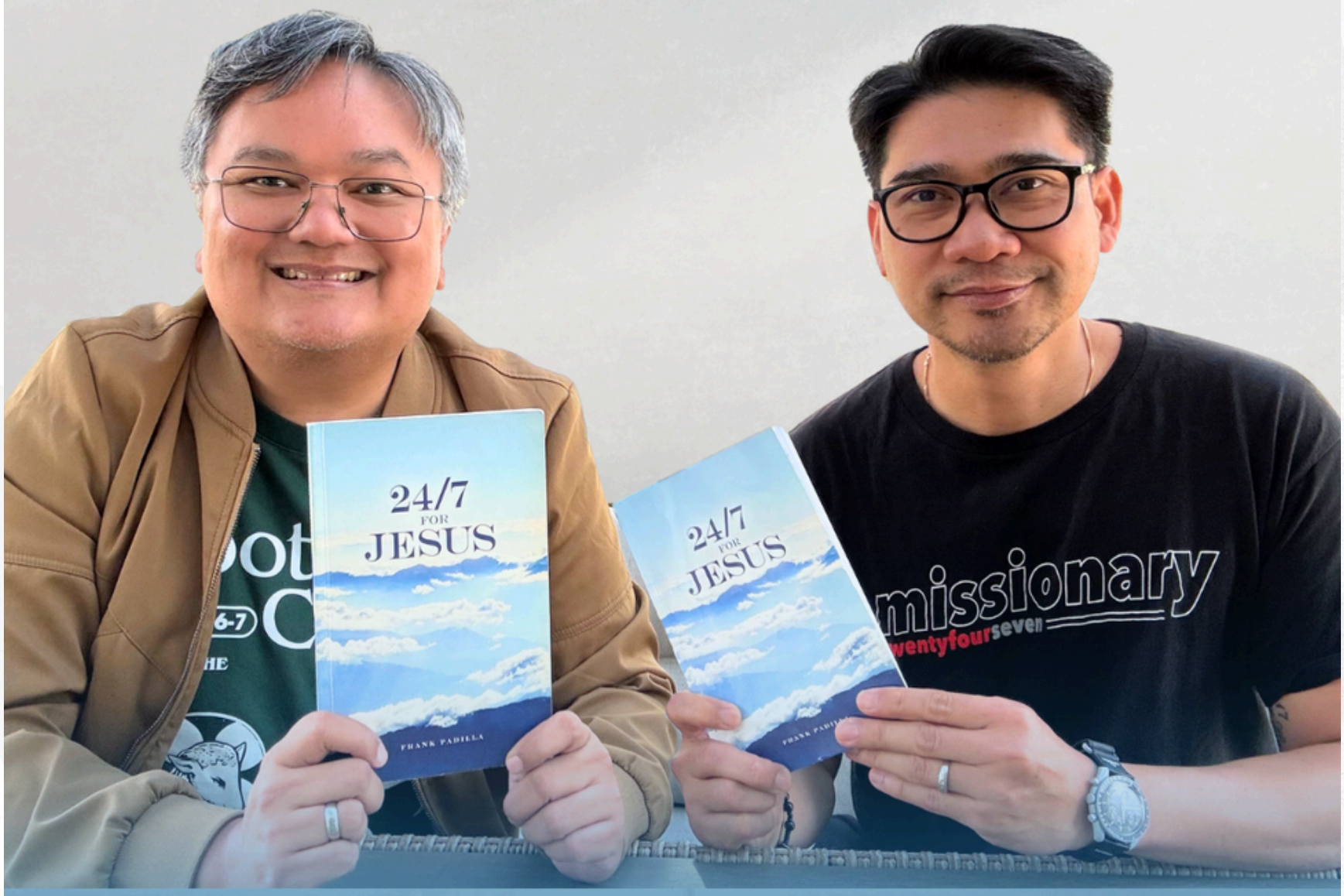


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