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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of  
the Glorious Resurrection

May  
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Are you no longer hoping? Behold, Christ is alive; and hope is dead in! Certainly Christ is alive! The living Christ finds the hearts of his disciples dead. He appeared before their eyes, yet he was not manifest to them; he was visible, yet he was hidden from them. For, if he were not visible to them, how did they hear him when he questioned them? How did they answer his questions? He walked with them on the road as a companion, yet he was their leader. Certainly they saw him, but they did not recognize him, for 'their eyes were held, that they should not recognize him,' as we have heard today. They were not prevented from seeing him, but they 'were held that they should not recognize him'. Ah, my brethren, where was it that the Lord wished to be recognized: in the breaking of bread. We are safe; we break bread, and we recognize the Lord. He did not wish to be recognized except in that act, for the sake of us who were not destined to see him in the flesh but who, nevertheless, would eat his flesh.

### LET US PRAY:

Lord Jesus Christ, Stay with us, too, we pray,  
in every part of our journey, no matter  
how full of doubt or fear we may be today.  
Through Your Holy Spirit, we pray that You  
will open our eyes, too Help us see You as  
our risen Lord in all your beauty, and in all  
your loving power. **Amen.**

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION



Therefore, whoever you are who are faithful, you for whom the title Christian is not an empty name, you who do not enter this church without reason, you who hear the word of God with sentiments of fear and hope, let the breaking of bread bring consolation to you. The absence of the Lord is not real absence; have faith, and he whom you do not see is with you.

When the Lord spoke to the disciples, they did not have faith; because they did not believe that he had risen, they did not hope that they could rise again. They had lost faith; they had lost hope. As dead men they walked with the living; as dead men they walked with life itself. Life walked with them, but life was not yet renewed in their hearts.



### READING:

**2 Tim**

**2:8-13**

### GOSPEL:

**Luke**

**24:13-35**

## *Under the Care of a Loving Shepherd*

On this Third Sunday of Easter, our attention is focused on the Risen Christ, who appeared to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and on his confirmation of Simon Peter as the chief-shepherd of the Church. This appointment is particularly significant because it happened only a few days after Peter had strongly denied being one of Jesus' disciples. Jesus offered Peter the possibility to redeem himself by answering the challenging question: "Do you LOVE me?" The question, repeated three times, elicited a **triple profession of love** from the humbled disciple. As a result of this, Jesus made him the "deputy chief-shepherd" of his flock – a role that has been inherited by his successors.



This tells us the basic importance of a sincere love for Jesus not only for the shepherds of the Church, but also for all the members of his flock. **Love is the essence and nothing can make up for its absence.**

**Pope at Mass: ‘may the Holy Spirit be the protagonist of our lives’**

Pope Francis celebrated Mass on Tuesday morning inviting the faithful to make room for the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Speaking during the homily at Mass in the Casa Santa Marta, **Pope Francis** said we can be reborn from “our sinful existence” only with “the help of the same power that raised the Lord: the power of God”. That’s why, he continued, “the Lord sent us the Holy Spirit”, because alone, we cannot do it.

He was reflecting on the Gospel of the day in which Jesus tells Nicodemus “You must be born from above”. Linking this message to Easter and the Lord’s Resurrection, the Pope recalled the fact that in the first apparition of Jesus to the apostles, on the Sunday of the Resurrection, the Lord breathed on them and said: “Receive the Holy Spirit”.

The Holy Spirit is our strength

“This is our strength! We cannot do anything without the Spirit”, he said.

Reminding those present that a Christian life is not only about behaving well and doing the right things, the Pope said we can write our lives in “flourishing penmanship” but we are reborn only from the Spirit, therefore we must make room for it:

“It is the Spirit that allows us to rise from our limitations, from our deaths, because there are so many necroses in our life and in our soul”, he said.

The Pope explained that “a life, that may call itself Christian, but that leaves no room for the Spirit and does not allow itself to be carried forward by the Spirit, is a pagan life, disguised as Christian”.



*Pope Francis celebrates Mass  
at the Casa Santa Marta*

“The Spirit” he said, “is the protagonist of Christian life”.

It is the Holy Spirit, he said, who accompanies us, transforms us, and overcomes sin with us.

“No one has ever ascended to heaven except He who descended from heaven: Jesus. He came down from heaven, and at the moment of the resurrection, he said to us ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’, the companion of Christian life”.

“One cannot walk the path of a Christian life without the Holy Spirit”, he said.

The Holy Spirit is our daily companion

There cannot be a Christian life without the Holy Spirit, who is “our daily companion”, the Pope continued: “a gift from the Father, a gift from Jesus”.

“Let us ask the Lord” the Pope said, “to give us this awareness that we cannot be Christians without walking with the Holy Spirit, without acting with the Holy Spirit, without letting the Holy Spirit be the protagonist of our lives”.

We must ask ourselves, therefore – he concluded – what place does the Spirit have in our lives, and we must ask the Lord for the grace to understand this message: “Our companion on our way is the Holy Spirit”.



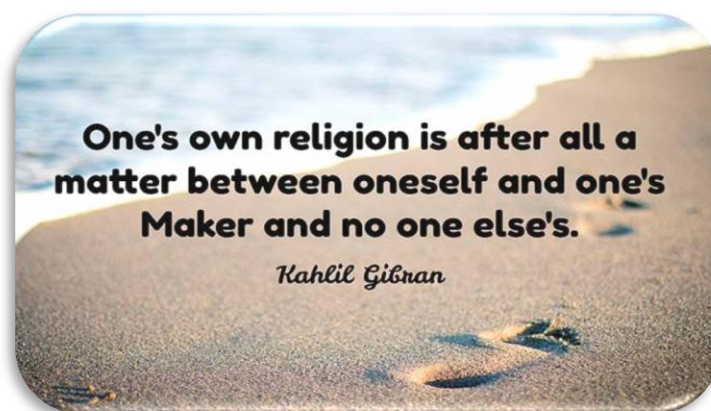


## Maronite Bishops deplore US recognition of Israeli sovereignty over Golan

The Bishops of the Maronite Church have voiced grave concern over the decision of US President Donald Trump to recognise Israeli sovereignty over the occupied Golan. Their position was expressed by the Maronite Bishops in a statement released at the end of their monthly assembly, which took place yesterday, 4 April at the patriarchal see of Bkerke, under the chairmanship of Patriarch Bechara Boutros Rai. The statement reads: "This decision constitutes a violation of international law and paper of the United Nations," and specifically contradicts the right of any people - including the Lebanese - to recover their territory stolen and illegally occupied by other political entities and military.

Israel conquered much of the Syrian Golan Heights (1200 sq km) during the Six-Day War in 1967, and annexed it in 1981. But such annexation was never recognised by the international community.

During their monthly meeting, the Maronite Bishops also stressed the urgency of finding regional and international political consensus to guarantee Syrian refugees hosted in Lebanon the possibility of repatriation in full safety, without binding this return to a previous political settlement of the conflicts that still trouble Syria.



Lebanon is home to more than one million Syrian refugees. Many Lebanese leaders are calling for organising the return of these refugees to Syria, claiming that the country has now returned almost entirely under the control of the forces headed by the government of Assad.

In their statement the Bishops also sound the alarm on the decision to open some areas of the country to the cultivation of hashish for therapeutic purposes: a political decision, according to the Bishops, taken too quickly, which in the name of the search of easy earnings risks increasing drug addiction among Lebanese youth.

## SAINT SHARBEL: UNITES CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS

St. Charbel Makhoul is known in Lebanon for the miraculous healings of those who visit his tomb to seek his intercession – both Christians and Muslims.

"St. Charbel has no geographic or confessional limits. Nothing is impossible for [his intercession] and when people ask [for something], he answers," Fr. Louis Matar, coordinator of the Shrine of St. Charbel in Annaya, Lebanon, told CNA.

Speaking in Arabic with the help of an interpreter, Matar said the shrine, which encompasses the monastery where the Maronite Catholic priest, monk, and hermit lived for nearly 20 years, receives around 4 million visitors a year, including both Christians and Muslims.

Matar, who is responsible for archiving the thousands of medically-verified healings attributed to the intercession of the Maronite priest-monk, said that many miraculous cures have been obtained by Muslims.

Since 1950, the year the monastery began to formally record the miraculous healings, they have archived more than 29,000 miracles, Matar said. Prior to 1950, miracles were verified only through the witness of a priest. Now, with more advanced medical technology available, alleged miracles require medical documents demonstrating the person's initial illness and later, their unexplainable good health. One of the miracles documented by Matar at the end of December, when he spoke to CNA, was that of a 45-year-old Italian woman. Suffering from a neurological disease, she was hospitalized after it was discovered she had tried to commit suicide by consuming acid.

In the hospital, the doctors discovered that the damage to her esophagus and intestines was so extensive, "the last way possible to cure her was believing in God and praying," Matar commented. The woman's parents began to pray, inviting others to pray with them.



*St. Charbel Shrine*

A religious sister of the Maronite rite heard about the prayer request and gave them holy oil from St. Charbel. After they spread the oil on the suffering woman's stomach, chest, and head, she was cured.

This was just one of seven miracles archived in December, Matar said, calling each one "a phenomenon."

"St. Charbel is a tool to reach God," he said.

The Shrine of St. Charbel is composed of the Monastery of St. Maron, where the saint lived for 19 years with great devotion to prayer, manual labor, and contemplative silence; and the nearby hermitage where he lived a rigorous asceticism and profound union with God for the last 23 years of his life.

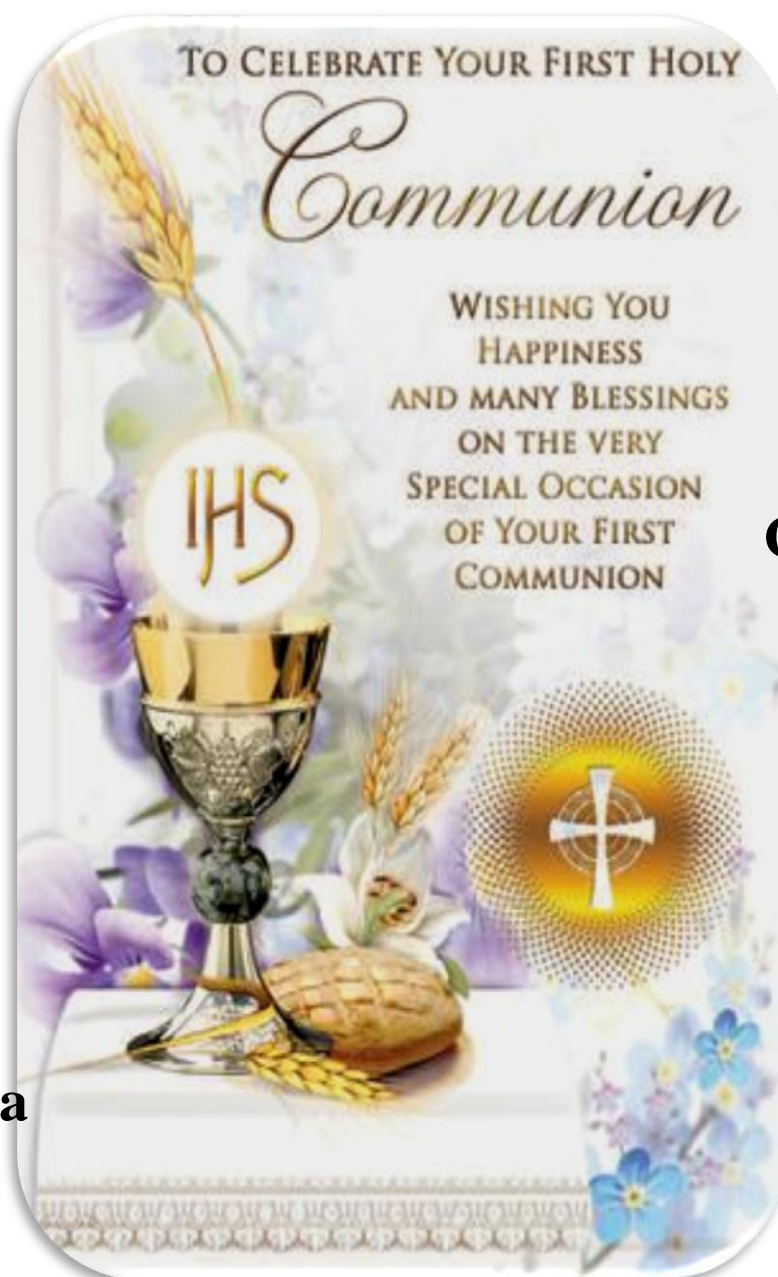
At the monastery, pilgrims can visit a church built in 1840, a small museum with artifacts and relics from the saint, and the site of his first grave. St. Charbel's tomb, since 1952, is located inside a special cave-like chapel built into the property.

Even while he was alive, Charbel's superiors observed God's "supernatural power" at work in his life, and even some Muslims knew him as a wonder-worker.

Deeply devoted to God's Eucharistic presence, he suffered a stroke while celebrating the Divine Liturgy of the Maronite Catholic Church on December 16, 1898, dying on Christmas Eve of that year. He was canonized in 1977 by St. Pope Paul VI.

**CONGRATULATION****May 12 @ 9:30 am**

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 Allen Queturas  
 Jose Rivera  
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 Olivia Dorio  
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**May 19 @ 9:30 am**

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 Giselle Rodriguez  
 Jazzel Radaza



*The Sacrament  
of Confirmation*



## Community Life

1. **Tuesdays:** Life in the Holy Spirit Seminar @ 6 pm Rosary, healing & Introduction . All are Welcome
2. **God our Father:** Devotions held after 9:30 Mass
3. **Spanish Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 4:30 pm Rosary followed by Mass at 5 pm
4. **Tagalog Mass:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 4:30 pm Rosary followed by Mass at 5 pm



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## 20 Celebrities That You Probably Didn't Know Were of Lebanese Roots

Some of these, like Shakira and Salma Hayek you probably know. Others, you might have never heard of before. Either way, we are proud to give you a list of 20 influential celebrities who have Lebanese blood coursing through their veins.

### 1 Jenna Dewan

Best known for her work in the dance movie *Step Up*, Jenna Dewan's father is of Lebanese-Polish descent and her mother is of German-English descent. She was married to Hollywood heartthrob Channing Tatum before splitting in 2018.

### 2 Vince Vaughn

This one came as a surprise. The Hollywood go-to for smart buddy comedies has Lebanese roots from his paternal grandmother who comes from the Saba family of Innabet. He also has 'roots' in Italy, Holland, England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, and Switzerland. His new movie, *Dragged Across Concrete*, is hitting cinemas soon. Maybe check it out.

### 3 Shakira

Yupp, this one is no big secret. Born Shakira Mebarak to a Lebanese father and a Spanish-Italian mother, the 42-year old is multi-platinum record singer who honors both her Latino and Lebanese heritage in her music.

### 4 René Angélil

Musical producer, talent manager, and singer Rene Angelil was born to a Lebanese mother and a Syrian father. He was the manager and late husband of the Canadian singing sensation Celine Dion.

### 5 Mika

Born in Beirut to a Lebanese mother and an American father, Michael Holbrook Penniman, commonly known as Mika, is a British singer and songwriter who is deeply attached to his Lebanese roots.

### 6 Juliana Awada

The First Lady of Argentina is of Lebanese and Syrian descent. She is a fashionable businesswoman and wife of the president of Argentina Mauricio Macri.

### 7 Paul Anka

Anka is a singer, songwriter, and actor who shined in the US between the 1950s and the 1970s. His father Andy and his mother Camelia were Canadian-Lebanese from the Lebanese town of Kfarmishki. Anka also wrote such well-known music as the theme for The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson and one of Tom Jones's biggest hits, "She's a Lady", as well as the English lyrics for Frank Sinatra's signature song, "My Way"!

### 8 Zoe Saldana

While she was born in New Jersey to a Dominican dad and a Puerto Rican mum, Zoe confirmed that she is also part Lebanese and that she is proud of her Middle Eastern roots and food. Zoe has been the lead actress to more than one sci-fi blockbuster including *Avatar*, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, and *Star Trek*.

### 9 Cassey Kassem

Not a very well-known name, but an incredibly recognizable voice, Casey Kassem is the talent behind our childhood's favorite dork. He was the voice of Shaggy in Scooby-Doo! Sadly, however, Kassem passed away in 2014.

### 10 Salma Hayek

No surprises here. Salma credits her sultry looks to her gorgeous heritage – she is part Lebanese and part Mexican and Spanish. Her dad is from Baabdat, Lebanon, a city Salma (with dad in tow) visited in 2015 to promote her movie *Kahlil Gibran's The Prophet*. Recently, her billionaire husband donated 100 million euros for France's Notre Dame Cathedral.

### 11 Wentworth Miller

His name may not sound Lebanese, but this green-eyed heartthrob is actually of Lebanese and Syrian descent mixed with African American blood. Wentworth is best known for his roles in *Prison Break*, and *The Flash*, and for his screenwriting.

### 12 Shannon Elizabeth

This vocal activist and film star has a father of Lebanese and Syrian ancestry. Shannon is best known for her roles in comedies and parody movies like *American Pie*, *Jack Frost*, and *Scary Movie*.

### 13 Tony Shalhoub

His name kind of gives it away. The 65-year old actor stole our hearts with his sensational portrayal of detective Adrian Monk in the USA TV series *Monk*, for which he won a Golden Globe Award. He has also received a Tony, 3 Emmys, and 3 SAG awards, the latest of which in 2019 for *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. Wow!

### 14 Catherine Keener

Catherine Keener is a twice-Oscar nominee of formidable acting chops. Despite partaking in many critically-acclaimed films and independents, her best-known role is as Steve Carrell's love interest in *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*.



She also starred in 2017's breakout horror *Get Out*. Catherine is Irish on her father's side and Lebanese on her mother's. Kind of obvious once you know. Her latest gig is as Jim Carrey's co-star in *Kidding*, a show about children's television icon Mr. Jeff Pickles.

### 15 Massari

Sari Abboud is a Lebanese Canadian R&B/pop singer whose music combines Middle Eastern melodies with western culture.

### 16 Karl Wolf

Another Lebanese Canadian musician, Karl Wolf --born Carl Abou Samah-- is an R&B artist based in Montreal, Canada.

### 17 Frank Zappa

70's rock legend Frank Zappa was part Lebanese through his father. He was born in Partinico, Sicily, and had Greek and Arab ancestry. His amazing work as a musician, composer, activist, and filmmaker inspired generations. Zappa was characterized by nonconformity, free-form improvisation, sound experiments, musical virtuosity, and satire of American culture.

### 18 Tiffany

Tiffany was the first teen singer to have her first two singles go straight to number one in the Billboard charts. She was born Tiffany-Renee Darwish to a father of Lebanese and Syrian descent.

### 19 Ralph Nader

This environmental activist/politician is making us proud. Nader was born in Connecticut to Lebanese immigrants and was raised to speak both Lebanese and English. He ran for President of the United States 8 times. Albeit unsuccessful, his candidacy brings attention to the actions of the Green party.

Who knows? With the climate change headed the way it is, 2020 might be his year after all. Our only hope is that it isn't too late for Nader to save the world by then.

### 20 Marlo Thomas

Actress Marlo Thomas is the daughter of Lebanese-American comedian Danny Thomas. She's most famous for starring as "Rachel's mom" in *Friends*.

This is but a small taste of numerous influencers, artists, and entrepreneurs that have graced the world with their talent and creativity. We haven't mentioned accomplished people like Marcus Lemonis, Nick Tarabay, and Amal Alamuddin, for example, for no other reason than the article's length. In other words, we haven't even begun to scratch the surface.





## SAINT SHARBEL YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### DO YOU KNOW THIS PERSON?

Many parish religious education and youth ministry programs require or give the candidate for Confirmation the option to choose a Saint or Blessed as their patron for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are responsible for preparing young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation at your parish, you may get questions like, "Who do I choose?" or "Can you give me some examples to choose from?" Well, look no further... here are four Saints and Blessed young people you can share with your candidates for Confirmation!

St. Dominic Savio was a teenage student of St. John Bosco. He was known for his piety and was also known for enjoying fun and games with his friends. He famously stopped a bad schoolyard fight between two boys by holding up a crucifix and asking them to hit him instead.

He was a good student and wanted to become a priest, but he became ill and died at the young age of fourteen, shortly before what would have been his fifteenth birthday. He was canonized in 1954 by Pope Pius XII.



Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati was born into a prominent family in Turin, Italy in 1901. His family owned the newspaper La Stampa. As a young person, he was an average student who loved joking and having fun with his friends. He loved the outdoors, sports, and hiking in the mountains. He is known for his saying, "Verso l'alto!", which means "To the Heights!"

Blessed Pier Giorgio was also passionate about prayer and the spiritual life. He was a lay Dominican and was known for his advocacy for political and social change. Also, he was dedicated to serving the poor and would often give donations to those he saw as more needy than him. When Blessed Pier Giorgio died of poliomyelitis in 1925 at the age of twenty-four, thousands of people attended his funeral. He is known as the Man of the Beatitudes for his kindness and charity towards those in need.



As a young boy, St. Jose Sanchez del Rio went to school in his hometown of Sahuayo, Michoacan, Mexico. His older brothers were rebels in the Cristero war, one of the darkest times in the Mexican Catholic Church's history. Churches were seized and many priests were either exiled or murdered. Young Jose wanted to join his older brothers in the fight, but was told he was too young. Yet Jose never let up. He wanted to give his life for Jesus and thus go to heaven easily. Eventually, his family and the Cristero general let him join them as flagbearer.

One day, the general's horse was wounded and Jose gave him his horse, saying he was more important. He ran to take cover, firing on enemy forces until he ran out bullets. Unfortunately, the Mexican government troops captured Jose. They imprisoned him in a sacristy at a local Church. They told him to renounce his faith or be killed. Jose refused. The soldiers tortured Jose, cutting the soles of his feet off and making him walk to his place of execution. They cut Jose with a machete along the way. They tried to get him to renounce his faith and say, "Death to Christ the King." Jose said, "I will not give in. Viva Christo Rey! (Long live Christ the King!)" At the place of death, he was stabbed with bayonets until a commander shot him. Jose is an example of courage and strength for us all during times of persecution. His story is depicted in the film, "For Greater Glory."



Blessed Chiara Luce Badano was a fun-loving girl from a loving family in Sassello, Italy. As a teen, she was an avid tennis player and also enjoyed hiking and swimming. She was a conscientious student, yet had struggles in school and even failed one year of high school. Blessed Chiara was also very spiritual and became involved in the Focolare movement at nine years old. She enjoyed going to daily Mass and would often tell her friends about Jesus.

One day, at the age of 17, Blessed Chiara felt an acute pain in her shoulder while playing tennis. At first, she thought nothing of it, but the pain persisted. Upon seeking medical attention, she underwent a series of medical tests. It was osteosarcoma, a very aggressive form of bone cancer. She fought bravely, and refused morphine so as to remain lucid to offer her sufferings to Jesus. Blessed Chiara accepted the pain, saying, "For you, Jesus... if you want it, I want it to." She died in 1990, with over 2000 people attending her funeral. Pope Benedict XVI beatified Chiara in 2010.



Each one of these holy young people are great examples of courage and love for Jesus no matter what is going on in your life. As young people approach the Sacrament of Confirmation, may they light the way to a deeper relationship with Him through their intercession in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!



**FILIPINO NEWS****Philippines: Nuncio Tells Youth to be Instrument of Mercy, Peace**

The papal nuncio to the Philippines encouraged young people on April 27, 2019, “to be the light” of the world especially to those who suffer and are longing for love and peace, reported CBCP News.

Addressing a huge crowd at the closing Mass of the National Youth Day in Cebu City, Archbishop Gabriele Caccia urged them to never get tired of being instruments of hope among their peers.

“This is our vocation,” Caccia said in his homily. “The world needs light and each one of you is this small light but together it’s more than enough to give hope, love, and life”.

As the Church prepares for the 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines in 2021, he urged the youth to be active and spread the faith by being witness to Jesus.

“We want to go far. We receive this gift of faith through the witnesses of so many generations but we want this faith to continue to shine,” he said.

“So my wish today is that the Risen Christ may give all of you His peace and make you all an instrument of His love, mercy, and peace,” Caccia added.

Organizers said the Mass drew 20,000 pilgrims from across the country that attended the five-day gathering of prayer, music, catechism and community service.

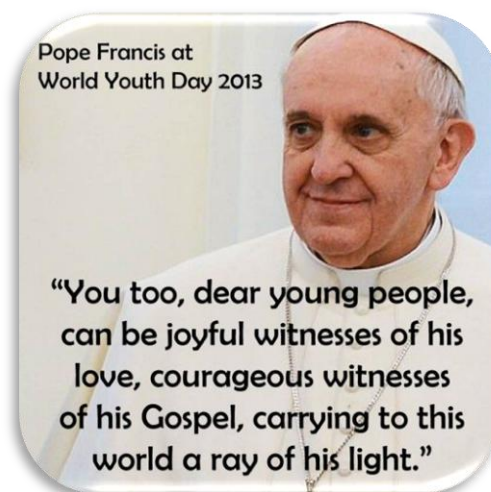
The turnout is said to be the biggest in NYD’s history since it started in 1986.

Also present were about a hundred priests, nuns, and bishops led by Archbishop Romulo Valles, president of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines.

At the end of the Mass, it was announced that the next NYD will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Caceres in Naga City in 2021.



**Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, The Apostolic Nuncio To The Philippines, Delivers The Homily At The Closing Mass Of The National Youth Day At The Cebu City Sports Complex On Saturday, April 28**



## **Philippines: Archbishop Palma Urges Youth to Follow Mary’s Example**

### **National Youth Day in Cebu City Draws 15,000 from Across Country**

At the start of the National Youth Day in Cebu City on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, Archbishop Jose Palma urged young people to be servants to one another, reported CBCP News.

Speaking at the NYD opening ceremony at the city’s sports complex, he highlighted the way Mary was always open to the Lord’s will, describing her as a role model to be followed.

“We know that like her (Mary), we are beloved, gifted and empowered,” Palma told the more than 15,000 pilgrims from across the country.

“As you come we repeat over and over again like what Mary did, ‘I am the servant of the Lord,’” he said.

From the sports complex, the pilgrims walked in procession to the Basilica Minore del Sto. Niño de Cebu for a Mass presided over by Palma.

In his homily, the archbishop said that the church needs young people who are not cowed in the face of difficulties, “dashed hopes and broken dreams”.

He urged them not to flee from the resurrection of Jesus, and not to give up to temptation against holiness.

“The church reminds us that Jesus who is Risen from the dead walks with us in the journey,” Palma said. “Whether we recognize it or not, Jesus walks with us.”

The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines earlier urged the pilgrims to spread the Easter joy to someone else in their lives.

“May you radiate the Easter joy to other young people and to the community that you serve and live in,” said Archbishop Romulo Valles of Davao, CBCP President.

“That joy should translate into service of love and compassion, especially to the youth and other people in the community,” he said.

The turnout in Cebu – considered the cradle of Christianity in Asia – is the largest in the history of NYD.

Cebu’s hosting is also part of the Church’s preparations for the fifth centenary of the arrival of Christianity in the Philippines.

The CBCP in 1986 declared every December 16 as the NYD where Catholic youth and young adults gather to celebrate their faith in their dioceses and parishes.

For many years, this went on as local celebrations while there have been big activities in Manila.

In 1998, the first NYD on a national scale was held in the Diocese of Malolos. Since then, it is celebrated every two or three years, and on off years, there is a smaller celebration in the dioceses.

Attendees spend time visiting the host diocese, performing community service, and participating in festival events.

Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, the Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines, will be present starting April 27 where he will dialogue with the young people.

A Mass will conclude the NYD celebration to be presided by Archbishop Caccia, along with other bishops on April 28.

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**WEEKEND**

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**DAILY 8AM**

**Saturday 4:30pm May 4**  
World Peace

**Sunday 9:30am May 5**  
\*Kayla Hill  
Angela & Leticia Villaluz  
+Felisa Reyes Sales (40 dys)

**Sunday 11:30 am**  
+Renee Maalouf

**Sunday 4:30 pm Spanish**  
Víctimas del Terrorismo  
en el Mundo



**PRAY FOR**  
**THE SICK**

**MONDAY May 6**  
Healing of the Sick

**TUESDAY May 7**  
\*Saluta Elder

**WEDNESDAY May 8**  
Unborn babies

**THURSDAY May 9**  
Conversion of Sinners

**FRIDAY May 10**  
+Leo Jovero

**LIFE IN  
THE HOLY  
SPIRIT  
SEMINAR**  
**Tuesdays starting**  
**May 7**

6 pm: Rosary  
6:30 pm: Seminar



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