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Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

*Consecration of
the Holy Church November 2019*

UPON THIS

Matt. 16:18



I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH.

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Our Services HOLY MASSES

DAILY: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. English

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:30 p.m. English

SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. English

& 11:30 AM Arabic/Aramaic/English

1st Sunday : 4:30pm

Rosario y la Misa en Español

2nd Sunday: 4:30 pm

Rosary & Tagalog Mass

Sunday Catechism @ 8 am

(Classes are Sept – May)

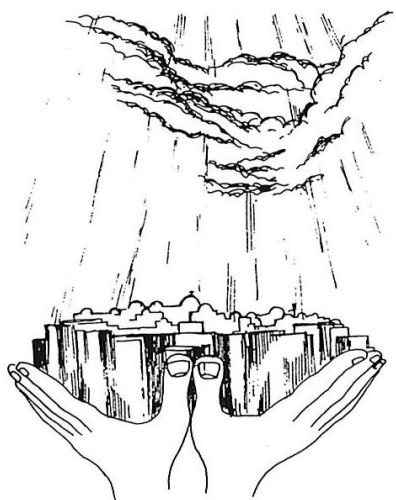
1st SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. & 11:30am

Youth Mass



To Keep a Lamp Burning we have to
Keep Putting Oil in it. Mother Theresa

SUNDAY OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE HOLY CHURCH



LET US PRAY:

Lord, we consecrate our lives to You.

We consecrate ourselves to You,
our minds and our hearts,
our Church and our families.

You invite each one of us to renew
our personal consecration to the Lord
and His Church, and to strive to realize
God's kingdom on earth. Amen.

The Bible uses the term “corban” to indicate something consecrated to the Lord. Those anointed with oil were considered Holy or set apart for the Lord.

In the Old Testament, priests, kings, and the Ark of the Covenant were all anointed and consecrated to the Lord. In the New Testament Jesus Himself is called the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed One.

Jesus the Anointed One, is the New Ark. His Sacred Person is the place where the Divine and human meet. And the Church has come into being and continues the mission of Christ in the world. It is now the Church which proclaims God's saving love for the world to mankind.

READING:
Hebrew 9:1-12

GOSPEL:
Matthew 16:13-20

Rev. Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid



THE “MARVELOUS WAYS” OF GOD’S MERCIFUL LOVE

In today's Gospel, we will hear about a man named Zacchaeus, who climbed a sycamore tree, just to have a glimpse of Jesus. Zacchaeus' curiosity led to his conversion when Jesus reached out to him by inviting himself to have dinner with him at his house. This encounter with Jesus made all the difference in Zacchaeus' life. It shows how love and compassion can change situations of isolation, bitterness, and even despair to attitudes of openness, kindness, and hope. As we celebrate the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, let us realize that such a wonderful transformation can take place also in the sinners around us if we follow the example of Jesus toward Zacchaeus, if we reach out to them in brotherly and sisterly compassion. Today is the first Sunday of November, the month of prayer for our departed brethren. Let us be generous toward them!



LUKE 19:1-10

ZACCHAEUS MEETS JESUS

OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS PRAYS FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST

'I pray to the Virgin Mary, Queen of Lebanon'

Francis on October 27, 2019, offered prayers for the people of Lebanon, beset with widespread protest of the past days. His comments came after praying the noonday Angelus with the crowds of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square.

"A special thought goes to the dear Lebanese people, in particular, to the young people that in the past days have made their cry heard in face of the challenges and social and economic problems of the country I exhort all to seek just solutions by way of dialogue," the Holy Father said, "and I pray to the Virgin Mary, Queen of Lebanon, so that, with the support of the international community, that country may continue to be an area of peaceful coexistence and of respect for the dignity and freedom of every person, for the benefit of the whole Middle East Region."



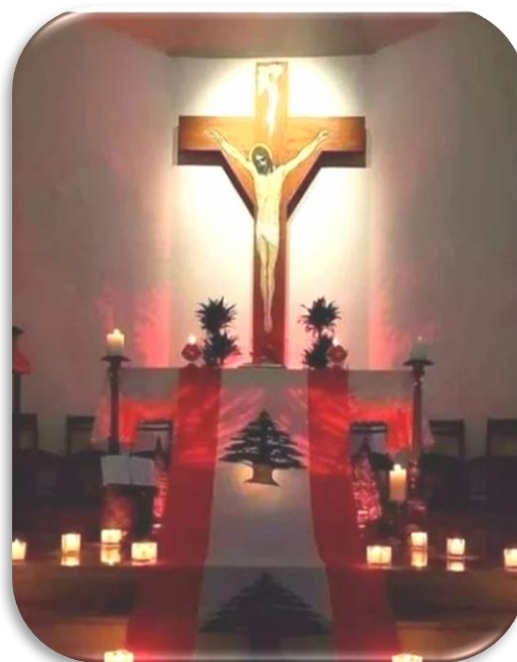
LEBANON'S CHURCH LEADERS TO PROTESTERS: 'WE HEAR YOUR CRY'

Amid an unprecedented, massive uprising of the Lebanese population demanding a sweeping overhaul of the country's political system, leaders of Catholic, Orthodox and evangelical churches in Lebanon assured the people, "We hear your cry."

In a statement following their emergency meeting Oct. 23 led by Cardinal Bechara Rai, Maronite patriarch, the Christian leaders said of the protesting Lebanese, "We express solidarity with their peaceful uprising."



Demonstrators stand next to Lebanese army soldiers during ongoing anti-government protests in Jal el Dib, Lebanon, Oct. 23, 2019



"It is high time the state meets the just demands," the Christian leaders said. "We ask the head of state to immediately begin consultations with political leaders to take the necessary measures to meet the needs of the population."

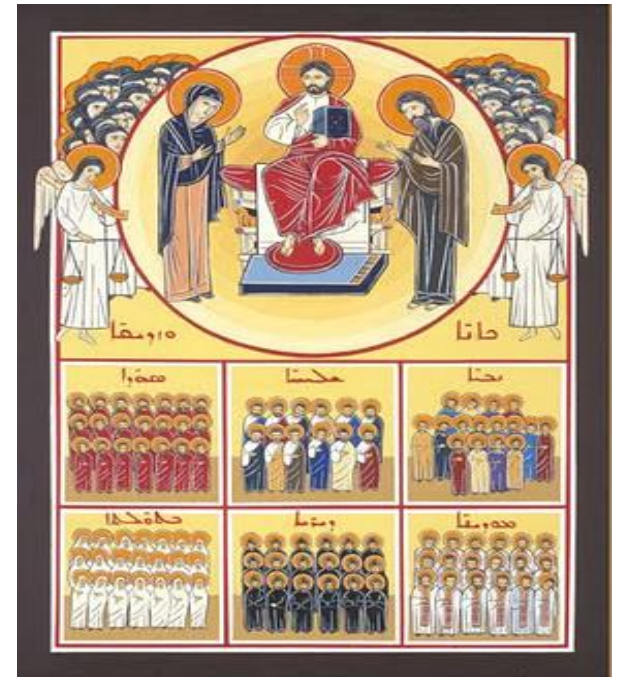
Protests were triggered by proposed new taxes on top of a dire economic crisis and deteriorating living conditions, against a backdrop of political corruption. More than one-third of Lebanese citizens are below the poverty line, and the country's unemployment rate stands at nearly 40%.

HAPPY ALL SAINTS DAY – MARONITES!

(From Prayer of the Faithful According to the Maronite Liturgical Year)

In the Maronite Church, this year, February 5th is the Sunday of the Righteous and Just. This is actually the traditional Maronite feast in honor of all saints. Whereas the Latin Church celebrates the feast of All Saints November 1st, the Maronite Church, following its ancient tradition dedicates this Sunday to their memory.

On this day we call to mind all the men and women, children of the Church, who have followed the path of justice and righteousness. We remember the prophets, apostles and martyrs, the hermits, ascetics, men and women religious, as well as all Christians who have lead holy lives. As our liturgy so often reminds us, they are just in the sight of God because they have patterned their lives on Jesus Christ, the Just One. The saints are our models; their prayers and fasting have taught us to fight against sin and temptation and so gain the reward of righteousness. The saints are our intercessors; by their prayers we obtain the pardon of our sins and are strengthened in the Christian virtues. They were the salt of the earth and the light of the world, they call us to follow their path. Through their intercession may we one day merit eternal life with God.



THE SURPRISINGLY CATHOLIC ORIGINS OF HALLOWEEN

The way we celebrate it today is far removed from any Christian influence, but the holiday has deeply Catholic roots.

When most people think of Halloween, the first images that come to mind are children dressed up in scary costumes going door-to-door to collect candy from as many houses as possible. At the end of the night delighted kids empty their “loot” on the floor and begin the feasting that often ends up with a stomachache and a trip to the dentist not long after.

What it evolved into in the United States, however, is now how Halloween began.

The word “Halloween” is a Scottish shortening of the phrase “Allhallow-even,” literally meaning “All Holy Evening” and dates to the 18th century. The English have a similar phrase, “All Hallows’ Eve,” with the same meaning. Both words denote the night before All Saints Day, November 1, and refer to the celebration of the holy men and women who are recognized in the Catholic Church as residing in Heaven.

Pope Gregory III established the feast during the 8th century after consecrating a chapel named in honor of “All Saints” in Saint Peter’s Basilica. The feast was then extended to the universal Church by Pope Gregory IV and made into a holy day of obligation for all Catholics.

Along with its celebration, All Saints Day was given a special vigil Mass the night before (October 31), which led to that date being regarded by Catholics as a “holy evening.”

In addition to All Saints Day, the Church established November 2 as All Souls Day, dedicated to praying for the souls in purgatory. On this day Catholics pray for their deceased relatives and friends, visiting cemeteries to remember those who are no longer on this earth. It is with this celebration that many local traditions were created and became mingled with the festivities of All Hallows’ Eve when immigrants started establishing themselves in the United States. In various cultures in Europe there developed a tradition of “souling” and baking “soul cakes” in honor of the faithful departed. These cakes were baked on All Hallows’ Eve and children would go out on All Saints Day and All Souls Day, begging door-to-door for these cakes in exchange for praying for deceased relatives and friends.

It is believed that in some places there was a tradition of wearing disguises while souling that represented the various souls in purgatory who were seeking these prayers. And of course, the processional candles were carried sheltered from the wind in hollowed-out gourds or turnips, call Jack O’Lanterns.

In France, the faithful created a *danse macabre* or “dance of the dead” that consisted of a representation of Death (typically a skeleton) leading a chain of individuals to the afterlife. The scene would often be brought to life on All Souls Day, where actors would put on costumes representing the different people in the chain.

According to some accounts, Irish peasants developed an “All Damned Day” on October 31 to complement the All Saints and All Souls Day. The theory is that “if the souls in hell are left out when we celebrate those in heaven and purgatory, they might be unhappy enough to cause trouble.” The Irish then banged pots and pans on October 31 to make sure those in Hell knew they were not forgotten.

All of these different traditions revolving around All Saints and All Souls were mixed together in the United States when immigrants started to intermarry and combine customs. The celebration of Halloween spread throughout the country during the early 20th century and quickly become a secular community activity that was devoid of its Christian origins.

Businesses then recognized the profitability of the holiday and started to promote it in their advertisements, taking over the day in a similar way to the celebration of Christmas.

In the end, while the current activities of Halloween appear to have no Christian significance, they have deep Catholic roots and are meant to remind people of their own mortality and the need to pray for souls in purgatory.



Beautiful Faces & Places



*St. Veronica Giuliani
Relics at St. Sharbel
The Franciscan Brother
Emmanuel from
Lebanon Brought
St. Veronica's Relics,
Fr. Nadim, Sub-Deacon
Charles Doche and his
brother Vincent Doche*



*Sylvie Natjarian, Fr. Milan Kasperek,
Visionary Mirna Zarzour, Fr. Nick Assi
& Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid*



*Congratulation on All Baptisms
in the month of October*



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saturday 4:30 PM: November 9th

Sunday 9:30 AM: November 10th



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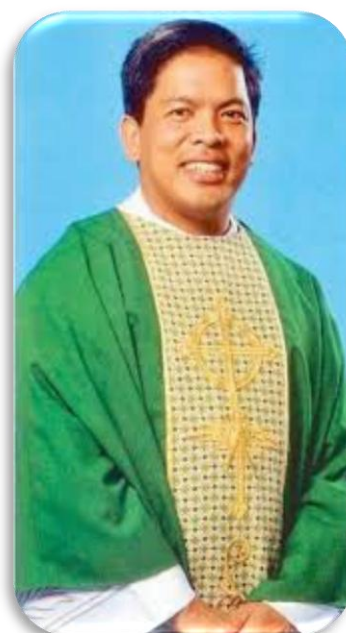
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Father SUAREZ

Friday,

November 29th

**8:00 A.M. Mass
& Healing**



Who is Alan Ames?

Alan Ames was born in London in 1953. In his youth, he was a member of a motorcycle-gang, he went along a path full of violence and alcohol. After his marriage, he moved to Australia with his family. The turning point of his life happened in 1993 when Alan saw his past life displayed before him and experienced how his sins and wrong ways had hurt God. He saw how Jesus offered him forgiveness from the cross. After some struggles, Alan accepted the forgiveness offered by Jesus. The Lord helped Alan to come back to the sacraments and to the Church and changed Alan's hatred and pain into love. Later, God called Alan to be one of His witnesses, sent to carry God's love into the world. Alan has brought hope and blessing to hundreds of thousands of people – the hope and blessing which he himself draws from his sacramental relationship of love with the Trinitarian God.

Mr. Ames has the written support of his Archbishop in Perth, Australia and many others around the world. Archbishop Barry Hickey supported Alan for 17 years and then Archbishop Costello and auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxton have also given permission since then. All 3 bishop's of Perth have done so in writing.



Alan's Charism:

Ever since 1994, Alan has been travelling all continents to witness how God lifted him from misery and hopelessness into a life full of joy and freedom. Alan has the gift of healing. After his talks, he would pray over each of those present (by laying on of hands). Alan has other gifts of the Holy Spirit as well (words of knowledge etc.). These gifts have been documented by priests and bishops all over the world. Alan's ministry enjoys the explicit permission and support of his archbishop Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth. Highlights of Alan's ministry were his talks during World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto (a papal event) as well as speaking in some of the holiest sites of Christianity in 2004 – in the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, in St. Catherine's Church of Bethlehem and St. Savior of Jerusalem. The fruits of Alan's ministry are healing, conversion, hope, comfort and strengthening of those who are blessed by God during the prayer meetings.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

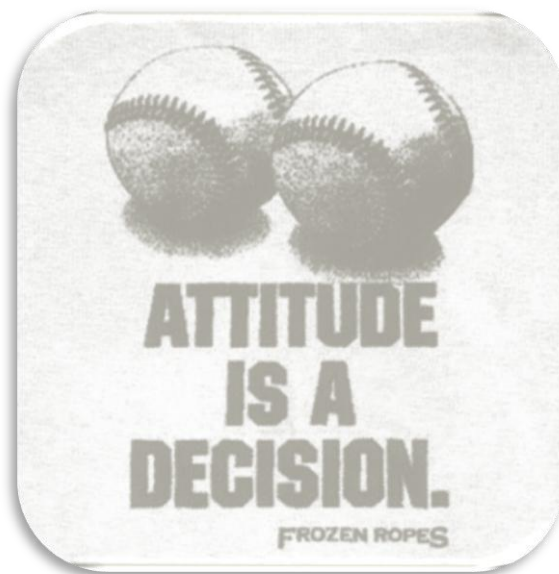
The Power of Attitude

Earl Nightingale : "You become what you think about. Negative thoughts reap negative results. If you think positive thoughts, you will get positive results."

What most people fail to realize is that your attitude not only impacts your happiness and your success, it also can impact the happiness and success of all the people around you...your family, your friends, and your peers at work. Attitudes truly are contagious, and from time to time we need to ask ourselves..."is mine worth catching?"

It's my hope that this book will be a useful tool in helping you:

- Manage your energy levels
- Keep your soul alive
- Take new paths
- Reduce stress
- Develop the "Human Touch"
- Attack your fears
- Live in awe
- Savor small successes
- Burn brightly without burning out
- Hang on when the storms blow through



SAINT SHARBEL MIRACLES

Thank you Abouna (Father) and may you also be blessed to overflowing. I wanted to share a miracle that happened after reading the Saint Sharbel article that you had in your August issue.

I had prayed to Saint Sharbel in our church a couple of months ago for Luc's sisters little girl who had a hole in her eardrum and this was going to require surgery if it didn't close. I asked Saint Sharbel to heal this for Alexandra through his intercession and I mentioned it to Luc's sister (Natalie). She was also praying for a miracle. After this she went to the doctor and they still reported the hole.

Then you send me the August newsletter which I only got to read yesterday. I was so touched to tears when I read the article that I felt like I had to re-ask Saint Sharbel again for a healing. I forwarded the article to Natalie and asked her to pray too. I didn't know that Natalie was due to take Alexandra to the doctor that day. The doctor looked into Alexandra's ear and said that she can see that Alexandra had had many ear infections in her time and that there was scar tissue there. Natalie said that the doctor should be able to see a hole as this was always clearly visible. The doctor confirmed that there is no longer a hole in her ear. We are so delighted at this very special intercession of Saint Sharbel and we give God all the glory for this healing. I'm sure that Natalie will take Alexandra to an ear specialist to obtain his opinion but in the meantime we keep thanking Jesus for this precious healing. It is amazing that He uses His sinful children to ask for these miracles and then He listens and answers us through His mercy – it takes my breath away.

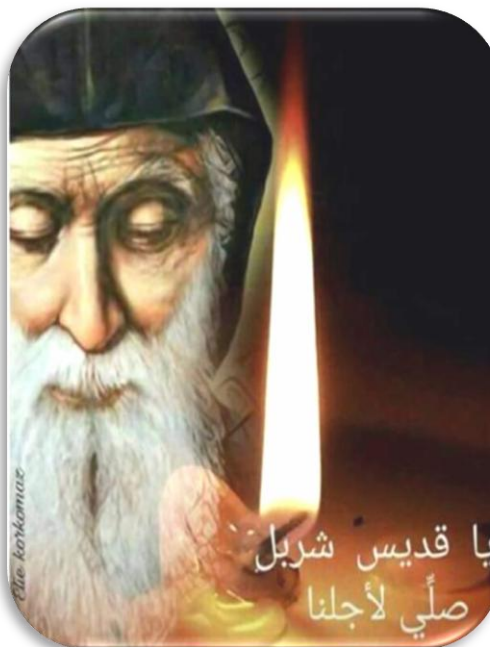
Debby & Luke Drewes
SOUTH AFRICA

Healing of Marie-Berthe Abi Rached

In May 2004, **Marie-Berthe** suffered from a headache. She went to the hospital and the medical tests revealed that she had a 15 cm-tumor. She underwent a surgery and the surgeon extracted 4% from the external tumor but he couldn't injure the brain. She prayed deeply saint Charbel asking him to heal her. He appeared to her and said: "I chose you among many".

Later on, she underwent a test and found out that the tumor was gone.

She visited the tomb of saint Charbel and got her healing registered on February 14, 2011.



**Saint Sharbel
Miracle Oil &
Novena are
available at the
St. Sharbel
Relic Grotto.
If you have
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of healing &
blessing
through St.
Sharbel, write or
call us at the
office for
Donation.**

Community Life

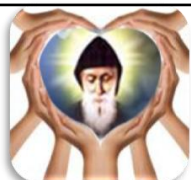
HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION FOR LIFE – Bishop Zaidan has requested that we recognize “Respect Life Sunday” – please sign-up for an hour of adoration. Sign-up forms are in the Chapel.

MONTHLY SPANISH MASS will be held this Sunday, November 3rd at 5:00 PM & Rosary at 4:30 PM.

TUESDAY WITH FR. NADIM - 6:00 P.M. Rosary, Benediction & blessing with the healing oil of St. Sharbel. All are welcome.

MONTHLY TAGALOG MASS – will be held next Sunday, November 10th at 5:00 PM and Rosary at 4.30 PM.

ALAN AMES – Our guest speaker from Australia, visionary and healer will be here on Saturday, November 9th at the 4:30 P.M. Mass and on Sunday, November 10th at the 9:30 A.M. Mass. Don't miss this opportunity to attend!



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@STSHARBELYOUTH LAS VEGAS
(Ages 10 – 20) Gathering 1st Friday at 6 pm

ELLA SABE QUE LA SALVÓ SAN CHARBEL

En tres meses, la pequeña de 5 años evidencia un avance nunca antes visto desde que le diagnosticaron leucemia.

Nunca antes su nieta había vivido como una niña normal, por lo que sin querer encontrarle lógica a lo que está ocurriendo hace tres meses, su única preocupación se concentra en la evidente recuperación de la niña.

Por ello, María Antonieta Sordo desecha los comentarios de las personas que atribuyen algo de locura a su relato que habla de un milagro que vino de Dios para salvar a la pequeña de 5 años que vive en Santiago, junto a sus padres, por intermedio de un santo de origen libanés: san Charbel.

Consciente del escepticismo y desconfianza que pudiera provocar su testimonio, la abuela de Valentina Saldivia insiste en que "no quiero que esto se convierta en algo pagano, y si lo cuento es porque necesito dar un testimonio de lo que pasó. De otra manera, me sentiría egoísta al no compartir la obra de san Charbel con personas que sufren o que tienen necesidad de recurrir a él por algún problema de salud".

leucemia

Recordó que "a los dos años de edad, a mi nieta le diagnosticaron una leucemia. Fue súper duro, pero durante los dos años siguientes estuvo sometida a un intenso tratamiento de quimioterapia, por lo que luego le empezó a crecer su pelito y a tener una vida normal". Sin embargo, la pequeña "Vale" -como le dicen sus padres y familiares- no alcanzó a disfrutar de su recuperación por más de 6 meses. "Un día, la Vale recayó y esta vez fue más intenso. Llegó a la clínica con alta temperatura, y con la primera droga le vino una mucositis, que es cuando se le rompe, por dentro, desde la boquita a las vías intestinales. Fue tan terrible su recaída, que a ella le hacían su quimio y no alcanzaba a llegar a la casa cuando tenían que volver porque estaba mal", relató su abuela.

buscando una señal

Deseosa de encontrar respuestas y sobre todo hallar la manera de ayudar a su nieta, María Antonieta se aferró a la fe y abrió su corazón a una señal que le indicara el camino.

Un día, viendo un programa de televisión, se enteró de la historia de una mujer de la Tercera Región que se sanó de un cáncer terminal después que alguien le trajo desde El Líbano el aceite milagroso de san Charbel.

Convencida de haber obtenido una señal divina, buscó incansable la manera de conseguir el aceite para librar a su nieta del sufrimiento que experimentaba a tan corta edad. "De repente, se me ocurrió llamar a la embajada del Líbano, y después de explicarles la situación, me dijeron que no había problema y que fuera a retirar un algodón impregnado en aceite", comentó. ayuda.- Convencida de que su testimonio ayudará a otras personas, María Antonieta Sordo compartió la historia de recuperación de su nieta Valentina.



FILIPINO NEWS

NEW PLATFORM AIMS TO EVANGELIZE IN MANILA ARCHDIOCESE

•“... to share with you our love for Christ and all the cool things we are learning ...”

•The Archdiocese of Manila took a step toward nurturing an evangelizing community with the launch of “Dominus Est,” a digital communications and content-sharing platform.

The launch comes during this Extraordinary Mission Month, called by Pope Francis. Dominus Est includes inspiring stories and encouragement for living life of missionary discipleship.

“We are a Catholic community inspired to share with you our love for Christ and all the cool things we are learning as we grow in our love for the Lord,” the website reads. “We are guided by the example of our patron, Saint John Paul II, a champion to answer the call for new evangelization.”

Clyde Ericson Nolasco, the website’s content manager, explained Dominus Est is more than just a new communications outlet, but an effort “to share the love for the Lord.”

Dominus Est is also the episcopal motto of Manila’s archbishop, Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle. It means, “It is the Lord!”



Nolasco said the website will feature stories about churches, saints, priests, nuns and “the different faces of faith.” The new website was launched with its own [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#) accounts.

CFC FFL CHANGES NAME TO MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST

A lay Catholic movement has changed its name.

Over the weekend, the Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life, or CFC FFL, announced it will now be called Missionary Families of Christ.

According to a statement, the change of name is because “Couples for Christ is no longer reflective of our call”.

“Now it is clear who we are and what we are called to do,” Bro. Frank Padilla, MFC Servant General, said.

He stressed that the two most important aspects of Christian life are the renewal of families and the work of evangelization.

“This is what our call is about,” he said. “This is our identity, our charism and our work. We are Missionary Families of Christ.”

CFC started in 1981 with 16 couples as a way to strengthen marriages and bring couples into a deeper relationship with God.

The couples expanded to bringing in their families in the 1990s with the coming of the Family Ministries: Kids, Youth, Singles, Handmaids, and Servants.

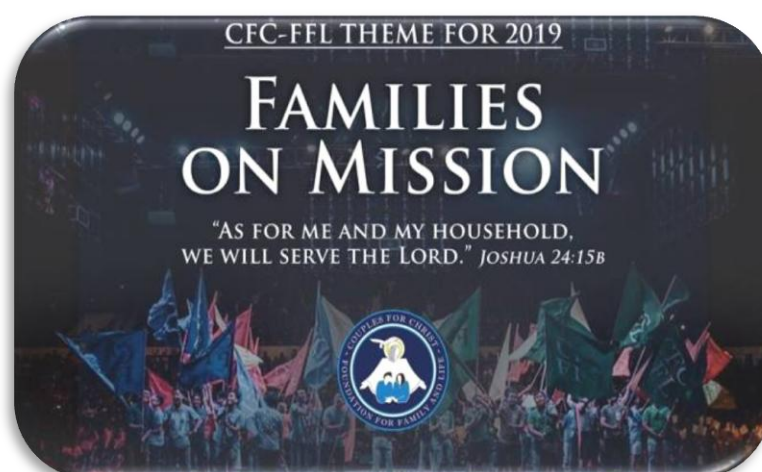
And by the 2000s, CFC became a worldwide community reaching more than one million members.

In 2007, however, the CFC community split into CFC Global Mission Foundation and CFC FFL.



The Missionary Families of Christ was locally launched at the Ynares Center in Pasig City on Oct. 6

Although the Missionary Families of Christ was locally launched at the Ynares Center in Pasig on Oct. 6, its official worldwide launch will be on Oct. 7.



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1 ticket for \$3
2 tickets for \$5

1st Prize – Silver Picture of Guadalupe

2nd Prize – Wall Rosary

3rd Prize – Medjugorje Picture

Drawing will be held at the Christmas
Party on Friday 12/20

St. Sharbel Church *Annual Christmas Party*



*No Tickets
at the door*

Friday December 20 @ 6:30 PM

❖ *Dinner (1 water **or** 1 soft drink
included)*

❖ *DJ Music & Christmas Carols*

❖ *Cash Bar (over 21 years)*

\$25 Adult 10 years & up

\$10 Kids 9 years & under

Surprise Visit from Santa
*(Please bring a gift for your kid if you
want Santa to handed it to them)*

Guadalupe Celebration *St. Sharbel Church*



Thursday December 12

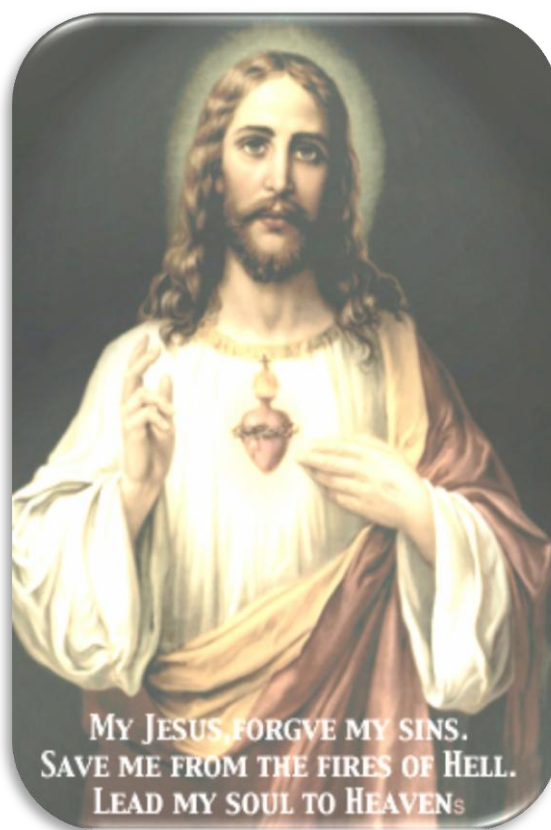
@ 5:30 PM Rosary

@ 6 PM Mass

Followed by a Fiesta

WEEKEND**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS****DAILY 8AM****Saturday 4:30pm Nov 2**Faithful Departed
+Eugene Vibar**Sunday 9:30am Nov 3**Andrew Atires
Stella Maletych**Sunday 11:30 am**+Vic Milewski
+Monsignor Harte**Sunday 4:30 pm Spanish**

Fieles Defuntos

**PRAY**
FOR THE SICK**MONDAY Nov 4**

Unborn Babies

TUESDAY Nov 5

Priests & Clergy

WEDNESDAY Nov 6

Healing of the Sick

THURSDAY Nov 7

Unity of Families

FRIDAY Nov 8

+Louis Silva

The VATICAN has stated that ST CHARBEL has recorded the most MIRACLES of any SAINT 🙏🏻🙏🏻❤️🙏🏻

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Iglesia de San Charbel*

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y El Rosario que se celebran el
primer domingo cada mes
comenzado,*

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HORA: Rosario 4:30pm Misa

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