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A Sharing from Terence Lim...

I remembered it was an early Friday morning in September 08 when my office colleagues invited me to join in the Friday Mass at the German Centre. I thought that this was really an awesome idea: to pray as a group, and to give thanks to our Lord.

At that time, I was a catechumen in the RCIA group in Christ The King church, preparing for baptism. I felt happy to be a part of the Catholic Prayer Society Christian community, being able to attend lunchtime Mass and strengthen my spiritual faith. Having seen my fellow Catholics receive communion weekly spurred me on in my journey and to look forward to the day when I will be part of God's family.

I am proud to say that I was baptised just days before Christmas 2008, and I must say that the Friday sessions are now a highlight for me every week. Moving forward, I will continue to spread the Good News and encourage other fellow Catholics to join us in our weekly Friday service.

Would you like to share with us how you came to hear about us or how our Eucharistic Celebrations has touched your life at home and in your workplace? We would like to hear from you! Send your testimony to eunice@thelincolnfamily.com.

We thank you for your contribution. Let us continue to pray for each other as we journey on...



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JURONG IBP FEAST CENTER



BRINGING THE EUCHARIST TO WORKING CATHOLICS

MASS SCHEDULE

Fridays at
12:15 PM

MASS VENUE

International
Business Park
(Please see
announcements for
exact venue)

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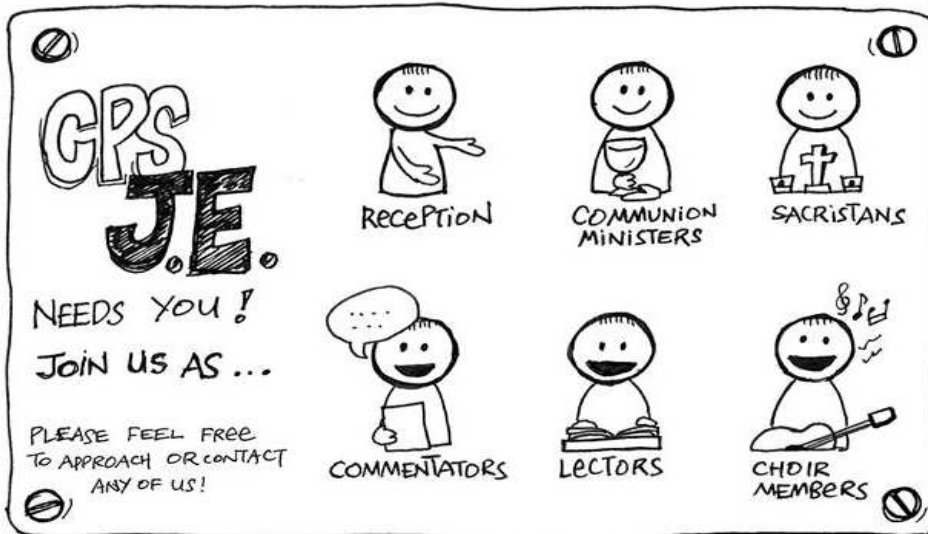
WELCOME To the FEAST

Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us here in CPS Jurong East, especially the newly arrived.

We thank God for you!

We are pleased to present to you this leaflet. It is our fervent prayer that as we share our experiences, you will be able to learn more about CPS and be inspired to join us and serve God more through the various ministries that we have. So what are you waiting for...

Happy Reading!



CPS JURONG EAST CENTRE

HOW IT ALL BEGAN...

☪ Eunice Lincoln-D'Costa ☪

In January 2006, a little notice appeared in the Catholic News advising readers of the proposal for lunchtime Masses to be held in Jurong East. Two representatives, Francis Chan and Cecilia Loke were invited by the Catholic Prayer Society, to look into the possibility of starting a centre outside of the Central Business District.

The initial meeting comprised of four people, including the Representatives. We met at lunch in the cafeteria of the Atrium, International Business Park (IBP) on 26th January 2006. We discussed at some length how we were going to build the core group, assign the volunteers and how it was necessary to have at least two persons for each task. We felt that perhaps we could start with celebrations once a month and on days of Obligation.

Unsure of where we were heading, we decided to meet on the last Thursday of the month and keep going till something happened. Fr. Terence Pereira, our Spiritual Director suggested that Mass be celebrated weekly to gauge the response. The day of "Friday 12:15pm" was an option in keeping with the rest of the centres. This all seemed formidable until a door opened. We found a venue flexible enough to accommodate our needs. The room was large enough to seat 40 persons, sufficient for our requirements. The stage was now set, the date of the inauguration of our first Mass was planned for 7th July 2006, 12:15pm.

Though the pieces were falling into place, the core team was in much trepidation. CPS helped us take that "giant" step. A timed publicity was planned for mid-June. An article in The Catholic News appeared two weeks before the inauguration. Letters were written to various parishes to be published in church bulletins. Flyers and posters with "contacts" were printed and distributed to all. A Mass kit and priests vestments were also given to us.

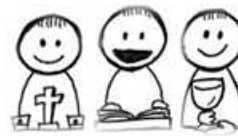
The day arrived and we had a congregation of twenty. Fr. Terence Pereira was the celebrant. As a new team, we were absolutely nervous, but May Tan and May Yip were on hand to assist so that all proceeded smoothly. To complete the celebration, the music ministry of Suntec joined in lending their voices as a choir together with guitarist Anthony Lim.

Today we celebrate our 3rd Anniversary, but the memories are still vivid as to how it all began. It was the blessing of God that brought such wonderful people together to make it possible. As a Centre, we hope that the Holy Mass and the Sacraments will touch all our lives, as we grow in faith together.



MEMORIES FROM OUR TRESURE CHEST...

From Left (clockwise): Our Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Terence Pereira; The Pioneers; A Eucharistic Celebration; JE Choir singing their hearts out!; Group picture of CPS JE Team; One of our Lectors, proclaiming the Word of the Lord.



Meet & Greet!

the JuRong East CeNter

TeAm of HeLPerS



The Reception Team is led by Karen. They are there to assist for offering of Mass intentions. They see to it that new attendees fill up the CPS Survey form at the table and that missals and mass schedules are distributed. Aside from these duties, they also help during the offertory and counting of the collections after the Mass. But above all these tasks, they are the faces that will greet you at the entrance... with their smiles saying "Welcome to the Family"!

Would you like to be one of them? If you feel that God is calling you to this ministry, step forward and approach anyone of them. They will welcome you with open arms ... for sure!

NEXT ISSUE: JE CHOIR

THE REAL PRESENCE: EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF LANCIANO



Ancient Anxanum, the city of the Frentanese, has contained for over twelve centuries the first and greatest Eucharistic Miracle of the Catholic Church. This wondrous Event took place in the 8th century A.D. in the little Church of St. Legontian, as a divine response to a Basilian monk's doubt about Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist. During Holy Mass, after the two-fold consecration, the host was changed into live Flesh and the wine was changed into live Blood, which coagulated into five globules, irregular and differing in shape and size.

The Host-Flesh, as can be very distinctly observed today, has the same dimensions as the large host used today in the Latin church; it is light brown and appears rose-colored when lighted from the back. The Blood is coagulated and has an earthy color resembling the yellow of ochre.

Source: <http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/lanciano.html>