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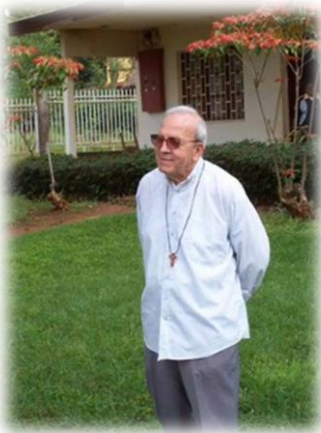
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"Because I long to change hate into love, sadness into joy, anguish and despair into optimism and hope, sickness and death into life and resurrection." ~ Fr. Jaime Bonet
Taken from his writing, 'The Proclamation of the Evangeliser'

Editor Says

Happy Dragon Year to all ViDa readers!

This Dragon Year 2012 is a significant year for our Verbum Dei Community all around the world. We are celebrating the start of our 50th Anniversary of the Foundation of Verbum Dei. A Jubilee Year for all indeed!

50 years... and it all started with one person who dared to make a difference. Fr. Jaime Bonet, an ordinary person with extraordinary courage, who started his vocation at a young tender age of 14 with a simple prayer to Jesus, 'If you exist, make me happy.' It was in his prayer in front of Jesus in the Eucharist and the Crucifix that he sensed God asking him, 'Give me to all people. Take me to others.' Young Jaime felt such deep joy that he gave his 'Yes. He entered the seminary and there was no turning back. On 17th January 1963, upon obedience to his Bishop of Mallorca, Fr. Jaime founded the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity

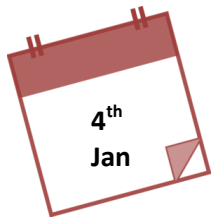
The world needs people like Fr. Jaime and so many daring people who dared to make a difference. Fr. Jaime saw the hunger of the people around him for the Word of God. He realised that the many social injustices in the world were because of the lack of God in peoples' lives. Thus, he dedicated his life to praying, preaching and living the Word of God. Jaime took the first steps and travelled down new paths, with no security except his own vision of bringing people to Jesus.

Robert Frost, a famous poet, wrote in his well-known poem, 'The road not taken', 'Two roads diverged in a wood, and I... I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference.'

I believed that Fr. Jaime took that road less travelled by and that has made all the difference. What about me? Dare I take the steps down new paths and make a difference in this world?



*National University of Singapore
Catholic Student Society
Science and Engineering Faculties Recollection*



*“Christ in our community,
Love in every heart”*



Before the start of their new school semester, some students from CSS Science and Engineering Faculties gathered for a day of prayer, reflection and sharing at the Church of St Ignatius. Sandra has been the Spiritual Director of Science Faculty for the past 6 years and is now helping out in the Engineering faculty too. She was with them the whole day, giving the talks and leading them in prayer. The students were challenged to start this New Year by building their lives on God’s endless and unconditional love.



Sandra preaching



Group sharing



Silent time of prayer



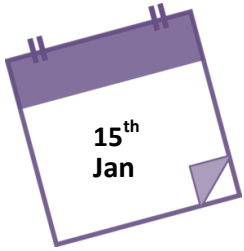
Game of charades after lunch



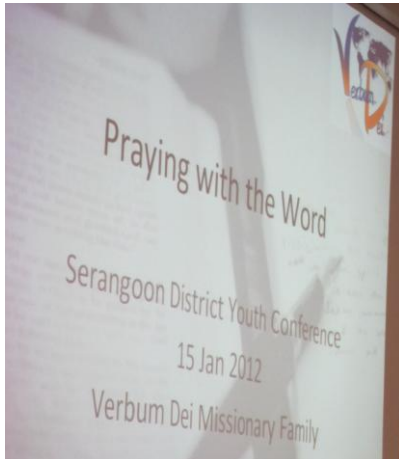
Guided Prayer



*Singapore Serangoon North
District Youth Conference
"The Heart of Worship"*



The Verbum Dei Community was invited to give a workshop on Praying with the Word of God. Grace, Sandra and a team of Verbum Dei Disciples headed down one Sunday morning to teach the youths who participated on the tools of praying with the Word.



Paul doing the warming up activity at the start of workshop



Monika speaking on the why and the how to pray with the Word of God



A little exercise just before breaking into groups led by Clayton...



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Going through the steps of praying with the Word of God in smaller groups



The Verbum Dei Missionaries and Disciples Team: Paul, Clayton, Grace, Sandra, Mark, Debbie and Monika

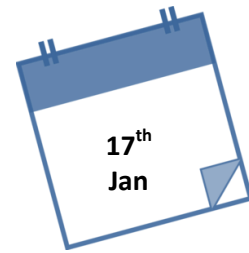


Time of silence to pray with a passage. Putting into practice the steps.



Thanksgiving Mass on our Verbum Dei Anniversary

On 17th January, the Verbum Dei Missionaries and Disciples gathered to celebrate this special year of our Jubilee celebration. On 23rd March, we will officially launch the start of our yearlong celebration of our 50 years of foundation at the Parish of St Teresa.



As 17th January is our official date, we had a simple thanksgiving mass to give thanks to God for the gift of Verbum Dei.



Maria Jose explaining the significant of the Jubilee Year



Maria Jose opening the door of our chapel as a symbol of the opening our Jubilee Year celebration.





Monika pasting the word 'YES' as a symbol of our desire to continue the mission and charisma that God has given to Fr. Jaime



Fr. Antonio, OP lifting up the bible. The Word of God has the central place in the life of Verbum Dei Community.

