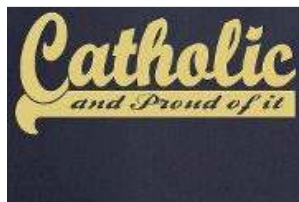




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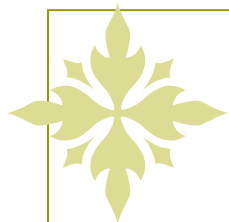
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YOUTH NEWS:

The young people continue to enjoy life as the month of October concluded with Hallow's Eve dance fundraiser held at The Yard Club on St. Mary's Street. This event was planned by some energized youth from the Confirmation group. It was a night of clean and entertaining fun, chaperoned by some parents of these young people.



YOUTH NEWS:

In continued youth activity, the Cubs and Scouts went on a faith experience at the Kentish Pentecostal Church. This faith badge scouting exercise allowed the young people to visit another faith which gave them an opportunity to make comparisons and appreciation of their own faith. When asked about this faith experience for the little ones the comments were: "it was a bunch of noise". For the older they claimed that there was no substance or structure compared to what they are accustomed. Below are three reports from a Cub & two Scouts on their experience of Pentecostal faith:

On Sunday 18th November, we assembled at the Holy family Cathedral at 7:30 to visit the Kentish Pentecostal Church. We went on the Bus at about 7:45 and reached the church at about 7:55. This was one task we needed to complete to earn one of our badges so I had to come. The service started at approximately 8:05, we felt very welcome. It was a grand church and it was beautiful. There were several stairs leading up to the stage and the floor carpets were purple. The altar was very grand and there was a mirror on it in the shape of a cross.

Three songs started up the praise and worship and the people at the church were extremely charismatic. I enjoyed it although I had to leave early because of another commitment with my uncle. The church was more lively than ours but I believe my church was more beautiful.....Najie George(Scout)

Yesterday Sunday 18th November 2012 we went to the Pentecost church, when we got there a person was singing and the church had a screen showing all the words. So those who didn't know the song could sing along. After the person who was singing, there was a preacher preaching. After the preaching the person who was singing sang again, it was a different song. After that they had a different kind of dismissal with drum and three crusader scouts, the drum went boom! boom! It was exciting.....Ethan Henry (Cub)

Yesterday was one of my adventure to a different church as a Scout. At 7:45 I was still home that time I was supposed to be at church waiting on the bus. I quickly hurried out of my house and in 15 minutes I arrived at the church. Soon after the bus arrived, we all departed at different interval. It was a good service but not as good as the Cathedral even though the Pentecost was more lively, I think I'll stay with Holy Family Cathedral.....Dave Singh (Explorer Scout)



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HOLY FAMILY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Another activity held at Holy Family Cathedral Parish was the Health Fair, organized by the Parish Council. This was a two day event that was open to the general public as well as the church community. There was a Pediatrician, Gynecologist, General practitioners, and even a Naturalist. Day One was the educational aspect of the Health Fair. On day two screenings for, cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar, BMI, breast cancer talk and screening and prostate screening. The Parish Council thanked the Doctors for sharing their expertise and time.

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The month of November concluded with a Parish Assembly, with guest speaker, Grenadian born Sr. Julie Peters, working in Trinidad. Sister is from the Congregation of the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother – Third Order Regular Order of St. Francis of Assisi. Sister's address was "A Caribbean Approach to New Evangelization". The main purpose of the Assembly was to begin a new process of Evangelization and a Way Forward for the next three years. Twenty-one(21) groups from the church explained their purpose and way forward in Faith for 2013. Sr Julie explained that commitment is one of the key ingredients to continuity for these groups, as we face the social, emotional, economic ills of today's society. There were group discussions covering topics of pastoral ministries, and ways to have lapsed Catholics return to the Faith Community. These are few of the areas covered during this weekend Assembly.



THIS MONTH'S FEATURE

DELAMINE ANDREW



My name is Delamine Andrew. I am an employee of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda with specific responsibilities within the Environment Division as an Environment Officer. My journey within the Catholic Faith was a bit unorthodox. Although my mother and grandmother were rooted Catholics, I

spent the first 10 years of my life attending Pentecostal churches because they were closer to my home at the time. However, my mother ensured that I knew most of the basic prayers within the Catholic Faith. We prayed the rosary together at least once a week and I can easily recall her enthusiasm when reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

At the age of 10 we moved closer to the Holy Family Cathedral Parish, and it was there that I began my initiation into the Catholic Faith. I was enrolled into the Christ the King High School and began confirmation classes two years later. I slowly became actively involved in various Church activities. I was first a member of the Youth Choir for about 3 years then became a catechist aide, assisting Mrs. Blackman in the instructions of First Communion candidates. I later moved unto Para-liturgy, and the Religious Education Group (Monday School). I then became a member of the Public Speaking Society, writing plays, animating and reading at Masses and other events.

At the invitation of the Most Reverend Archbishop Reece, I attended a retreat workshop for the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. I was so inspired by the work of the Vincentians, that I briefly joined the adult group and under the guidance of Mrs. Mary-Rose Knight founded the St. Maria Goretti Youth Conference as the youth arm for HFC St. Vincent de Paul. The group underwent various training seminars and retreats

before assisting the needy. Activities included visiting the elderly at the St. Vincent de Paul Day Care Centre; and visiting and offering guidance to the girls at the Good Sheppard Home. New members were recruited from the various confirmation classes, however, following my migration to the UK to pursue undergraduate studies in City and Regional Planning, the group was disbanded. Even while I was away, I tried to maintain my spiritual growth through the Catholic Student Chaplaincy at Oxford Brookes University. I continued to participate at student masses, and attended monthly bible discussions, amongst other activities.

Returning home was a difficult transition but through the constant "nagging" of my mother and Mrs. Morvette Thomas, I resumed activeness within the Church. I currently assist in the preparation of Confirmation candidates and continue to read at Masses. I some day hope to return to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul because it's a Society that I greatly admire. It is also the Society that greatly shaped my spiritual beliefs and understanding of exercising my faith with humility.

Becoming active in the Church not only enhances my "spiritual CV" but also transforms me into a better Catholic Christian as my knowledge and practice of faith strengthens. I am not perfect and never will be but I strive for a balance in living a fun and happy life that sustains my faith and inspires faith in others.

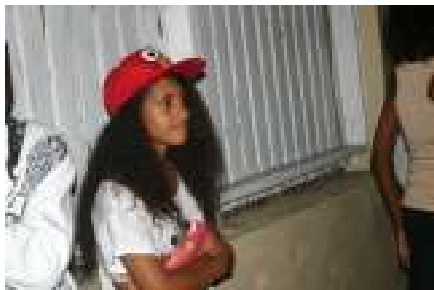




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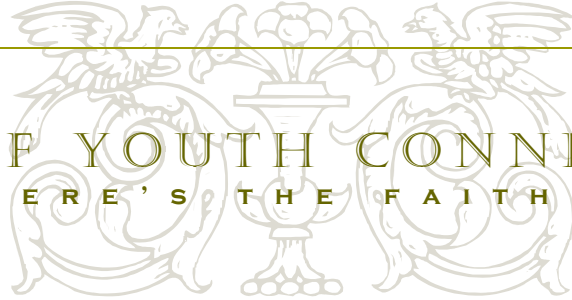
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