



Grapevine

A word from the editorial team,

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All football fans out there must be suffering from **World Cup withdrawal syndrome** as we enter into the month of July! But surely the month of June hasn't all been about 22 people chasing a sphere around a field...



9 of our members joined other members of Caritas and other Catholic associations across the island in a workshop on the **Review of Life cycle** (See, Judge, Act) at Catholic Junior College on the 26th June.

With role play and discussions held in small groups, many found the opportunity to use the thought process in seemingly simple daily scenarios to explore new viewpoints and ideas.

Another whirlwind that's swept us all up in the past few months – the news of the ex-communication of a Catholic nun who sanctioned an abortion of a unborn baby; and the **Catholic News** article reply feature by Drs John Hui and Colin Ong in the 20th June edition, which can be read [here](#) – has certainly brought these issues back into the spotlight.

In this 2-page bumper edition of the Grapevine, we turn the spotlight on all mothers and mothers-to-be out there with a short sharing piece on a tragedy that's happened, and how people rallied to save her life...

We have also upcoming, a couple of events for the month of August and September – dates and further details are found on the right hand column as usual – so ink up those dates in your calendars and start blocking those dates from your calls!

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If you would like to advertise for your upcoming events; or are seeking assistance in any functions - feel free to email us: cmgsingapore@yahoo.com.sg

Send in your Doctor's Blog contributions to cmg.grapevine@gmail.com

† Upcoming Events:

1. August Fellowship Dinner

- Time: 4th August, 7.30pm
- Venue: Ricciotti Pizza Pasta & Deli
20 Upper Circular Road
B1-49/50 The RiverWalk

It's 3 months past our HO Welcome Mass in May! Midway into postings with everyone hopefully settled down, what better way than a dinner get-together for everyone to catch up!

RSVP with Meng Chon at 91051983 or lammengchon@hotmail.com.

2. “Heart Issues, Hard Decisions – Ethical Dilemmas in Pregnancy”

- Time: 9th August, 2.00-5.00pm
- Venue: Mt Alvernia Lecture Hall

Following closely on the news of the ex-communication of a Catholic nun who supported abortion, we have lined up an afternoon of speakers to answer some of your questions on pregnancy and its tough decisions!

Register with Raymond at 91453166; or at cmg.heart.issues@gmail.com

3. The Gift of Christian Ethics: Faith, Christian Hope & Christian Love

- Time: 6 Tues nights: 3,10,17,24,31 Aug, 7 Sep 2010; 7.30pm
- Venue: CANA, 2nd floor CWS Building, 55 Waterloo St
- Speaker: Fr David Garcia
- Cost: \$70 (speak with us if cost is an issue)

What does being “Christian” add to our being “good”? Fr David will share with us about the specifically Christian themes of moral life: Grace, Faith, Hope & Christian Love.

Register: wonderfullymade.sg@gmail.com
More details here.

His Sacrifice

Written by Leonard Loh

The frantic voice on the E-OT phone broke the silence of the OT corridor. *"We have a ruptured ectopic pregnancy, it doesn't look good, there's blood everywhere in the peritoneum!"*, the frantic voice of the O&G registrar at the A&E told us this was no ordinary emergency. Anxiety welled in my heart, would we be able to save her life?

As she was wheeled into the OT, fear yielded to the focused calm borne from training. Amidst the storm of activity and the incessant alarms on the monitors, the eye of the storm was the patient herself on the operating table. She was so young and her pale complexion confirmed what the monitors were telling. As the surgeons fought frantically to find the source of the bleeding, we fought to save her life. Lines and inotropes went in as everyone tried to save her life ebbing away. Deep ST Depressions accompanied our frantic syringing of Colloids and Crystalloids as all hands on deck valiantly tried to keep her alive. How long could she hold on with a haemoglobin level of 4g/dl?

And then the blood came in the nick of time. As we ran the life-saving blood into her veins, her life returned to us before our eyes. The depressions flattened, then disappeared. Her blood pressure returned to normal from rock bottom. Like a miracle in the middle of the night. As I watched her wake up in the recovery room, I couldn't help but marvel that she seemed to have made a remarkable recovery - she was fully alert and well.

And it dawned on me. She would never know who was the one who saved her life. Who voluntarily gave of his blood without asking for anything in return. Who willingly gave of his life's blood so that another might live.

Just like He who gave of His life-saving Blood and life freely to save us, so that we might have life too and life to the full, all for love for us. And just perhaps, faith and work may not be so far apart after all.

† Upcoming Events (Cont.):

4. Social Mission Conference 2010

- Time: 21st August, 8.45am - 4pm
- Venue: St Joseph's Institution, Performing Arts Centre
38 Malcolm Road, S(308274)

Interested in the Catholic Social Teachings and/or engaged in social mission work? Join us for a day of sharing and networking with our different panels of guest speakers! Visit [here](#) for more details!

RSVP with Claire at tanhweehuan@hotmail.com ASAP for 1-for-1 discount with the CMG!

† Regular Events:

1. BYOB (Bring your own Bible)

- Time: 8th, 15th, 22nd July 7.15pm
- Venue: CANA, 2nd floor CWS building, 55 Waterloo St

2. CMG Monthly Mass

- 28th July, 7.30pm
- Venue: CSCC Level 9, Solomon's Hall, CWS building, 55 Waterloo St

Join us for our regular mass every last Wednesday of the month!

† What's New on Doctor's Blog:

▪ "Driving: A Means of Personal Formation?"

Calling out to all drivers out there! Read on as we show you how you can put those hours behind the wheel to bear a slightly more spiritual fruit...

[Full article](#)

▪ "But They Are Our Masters..."

It's always easy to lose sight of our goals during the journey. Join our author as she rediscovers the fire in life's daily simple things...

[Full article](#)

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