



# Grapevine

## A word from the Editor,

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Dear readers,

How quickly a quarter of the year has passed! In the first quarter, we celebrated with our brethren, Br Edward Lim, who was ordained on 10 March 2012 at the Basilica of St Pancrazio, Rome. A quick background, Br Edward was a parishioner from Christ The King, graduated from NUS Med School, and was active in CMS/CMG, before answering the Lord's calling!

The start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was marked by Holy Week celebrations. We hope that everyone has had a prayerful and fruitful week!

Coming up in the next quarter, we welcome the new batch graduates from YLLSOM who will join us in the wards come 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 - meet them at our welcome tea / mass in May! In addition, we bring you the up-to-dates on our regular events and new articles on our Doctors' Blogs – keep those articles coming!

So mark those dates down in your calendars, and hope to see you at some of our upcoming events!

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*Photos from ordination of Br Edward Lim*



**† Upcoming Events:**

**1. Overseas Missions Trip**

Feeling restless? Interested in Overseas Mission Trips? Here's a good opportunity!

CHARIS and its affiliates have a list of list of upcoming mission trips organised, in the poster attached.

Amongst these are two house building mission trips organised by CHARIS as follows:

- 24-30 Jun: Jogjakarta, Indonesia, for victims of Volcano Merapi eruption
- 14-20 July: Novatas, Phillipines, for victims of Typhoon Ketsana

Do sign up early to facilitate planning and logistics!

- Contact: CHARIS Secretariat  
6338 0182,  
[info@charis-singapore.org](mailto:info@charis-singapore.org)

More details [here](#)

**2. Talk on Human Suffering**

A lecture series on "Why is There Human Suffering?", Fr David Garcia will conclude this 3-part lecture series on 18<sup>th</sup> April, with answering the question, "If God is there in human suffering, how do our Church activities reflect God's presence?"

- Date: 18<sup>th</sup> Apr 2012, Wed
- Time: 7-9pm
- Venue: Church of the Holy Spirit, Upper Thomson Road
- Register: 6338 0182, or email [info@charis-singapore.org](mailto:info@charis-singapore.org)

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**Why Is There Human Suffering?**  
A Series of Talks By Father David Garcia

*By Roseline Lam*

"Where is God in human suffering?"

This is the question that the 50-strong audience was asked to ponder by Father David Garcia. In this second instalment of his 3-part series on Human Suffering (held on 21 March 2012 at Church of the Holy Spirit, Upper Thomson Road), Fr David suggests that we should stop viewing God as a watchmaker who created a perfect world and left it to its own devices. No, the act of creation is in fact a constant relationship between the Creator God and His creation: the world and everything in it. God's hand is there in all the actions of His creation.

Suffering arises from the tension between God's action and Man's action. Although God's hand directs all our good actions, He has also given us free will, the freedom to choose to inflict wrong on others and on ourselves. We suffer because God respects our human freedom. However, not all suffering proceeds from evil. Sometimes good intentions may lead to pain – simply a product of our imperfect world.

Finally, Fr David posits that all our suffering can only be alleviated by God's Passion: the act of sending His only Son to die on the cross for us. By substituting to His Father's will, Jesus became a victim of human suffering. Hence, suffering much more than what a normal human being can endure. In the Passion of Christ, God actively intervenes in our imperfect world. Jesus took upon Himself all our sinfulness and rejection, thus reconciling us with Our Father.

Fr David Garcia will conclude his exposition with the following logical question: "If God is there in human suffering, how do our Church activities reflect God's presence?"

The last talk in the series will take place on:  
Wednesday 18 April 2012 7-9 pm  
Church of the Holy Spirit, Upper Thomson Road

To register:  
Please call 63380182 or email [info@charis-singapore.org](mailto:info@charis-singapore.org)

**MISSION Possible!**

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

Feeling restless?  
Interested in overseas mission trips?

Consider these upcoming trips & find out more ...

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	<b>acts29</b> <b>Payatas, Philippines</b> Improving lives of those at the dumpsite May 26-30 Organise programmes for parents
	<b>CHARIS</b> House building missions <b>Jogjakarta, Indonesia</b> Jun 24-30 For victims of Volcano Merapi eruption
	<b>Novatas, Philippines</b> Jul 14-20 For victims of Typhoon Ketsana
	<b>Clare's Missionary</b> <b>Sabah, Malaysia</b> English Camps for secondary school children Aug 18-24 St Maria Goretti Hostel, Binaoang
	Nov 11-17 San Damiano Hostel, Kiulu Mission Exposure
	Dec 10-16 Meeting indigenous kindergarten children & families in Paitan
	<b>Epiphany</b> <b>Riau, Indonesia</b> TeachNLeads Programme - Teaching English and helping the impoverished with food and hygiene education Mar 4, 13, 18, 25 May 13, 27 Apr 15, 22, 29 Jun 3, 17
	<b>Father Damien Society</b> <b>Batam &amp; Jakarta, Indonesia</b> Supplying groceries, stationary and clothes and interacting with children up to 5-6 years old Apr Visits to two orphanages in Jakarta Regular Visits to four kindergartens in Batam

**3. House Officers' Welcome Tea**

- Dates: 29th Apr, Sunday
- Time: 1-5pm (Mass at 4pm)
- Venue: Mt Alvernia Hospital Seminar Room
- RSVP: Brenda [bclsp.11@gmail.com](mailto:bclsp.11@gmail.com)

Join us as we welcome our new House Officers! Get to know them, share your experience with them, and celebrate their entry into the working world! =)



† **What's New on Doctor's Blog:**

▪ **“Goodbye Little One”**

An article from the depths of her heart, with emotions so raw and real. As Catholic doctors, our patients are our lives.

We thank our guest contributor, Dr Alison Snodgrass, for her touching article!

[Full article](#)

▪ **“The iPhone”**

Technology pervades every aspect of our lives. A 180 degree perspective change on our *Resident Muse's* tongue in cheek [article](#) previously - Join our regular writer, *Hoping to Inspire*, as she explores the marriage of Technology and religion in this article.

[Full article](#)

▪ **“She Hits Me”**

Who can fathom, the depths of a Mother's love for her child? Let us never forget to show care for both our patients, and their care-givers who need our support and affirmation...

[Full article](#)

† **Regular Events:**

1. **BYOB (Bring your own Bible)**

- Date: 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> Jun,

- Time: 7.30 – 9pm

- Venue: 11 Keng Cheow St #07-06  
The Riverside Piazza  
Singapore 059608

(Exit B from Clarke Quay MRT, next to Park Regis Hotel & MOM)

*We are viewing the video series “Theology of the Body”, a major teaching of Pope John Paul II's pontificate. Due to the relocation of CANA, we will update on the new venue.*

*Keep a look out in your emails!*

2. **Outram Campus Weekly Mass**

- Every Wednesday, 12.15pm

- Venue: Medical Alumni Association Hall, Level 1 (Junction of College Road & Outram Rd)

*More details [here](#)*



*If you would like to advertise for your upcoming events; or are seeking assistance in any functions - feel free to email us:*

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