

# Grapevine

## A word from the Editor,

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A big hello to all our readers!

It has been a busy Easter that has just passed us by! Hope you've managed to spend some time with the Lord during this holy season of Lent! It has been really encouraging to see photographs of our CMS medical students walk the path of faith as they embarked on their Church visitation on Maundy Thursday, culminating with celebrations on Easter Sunday.

There's also more reason to celebrate, as our M5s have completed their final MBBS exams and will be starting work as HOs real soon! Join us in welcoming them at our annual HO welcome tea & mass (details on page 3).

And of course, we celebrate the appointment of our new Pope, Pope Francis I; along with the appointment of our Co-Adjutor Archbishop William Goh, with the Episcopal Ordination held at the Singapore Expo on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013, where CMG-CMS assisted in providing Medical cover for the event.

As usual, our quarterly edition brings you up to date on the activities in the previous quarter, along with our regular Doctor's Blog articles. Don't forget, we're still actively looking out for articles and contributions - I look forward to receiving your contributions! (scroll down to the end to check out our email add).

Hope to see you at our events! =)

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## CMS TOB Day of Recollection - Apr'13

CMS had its Day of Recollection at Kingsmead Hall, St Ignatius Church on 13th April Saturday. Based on the Theology of Body, the event was facilitated by Fr Edward, Victor, Virginia, Celina and Malcolm.



## Heart Issues: Hard Decision Subfertility Forum - Apr'13

**Heart Issues, Hard Decisions**  
**Subfertility : Ethical options for Catholic couples**

This forum addresses an issue that couples and families may face: "Subfertility". Many Catholic couples are painfully aware that IVF is not allowed by Church teaching. Are there options then for couples in this situation that are worth their consideration?

Join us in this forum to better understand both the wisdom on which this teaching is grounded, as well as explore with us the lesser known but nonetheless objective – and importantly – ethical options respectful of the gift of fertility and sexual intimacy, that Catholic couples may avail themselves to, such as the Billings Ovulation Method and Naprotechnology.

**Our Speakers:**  
Moral Theologian- Fr David Garcia  
Obstetrician - Dr Douglas Ong  
Family Physician - Dr John Hui

**Co-organized by:**  
Catholic Medical Guild  
Natural Family Planning Service

**Date: Saturday 20 April 2013**  
**Time: 2 – 4 pm**  
**Cost: Love Offering**

**Venue: St Paul's Auditorium**  
Level 1, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre  
(2 Highland Road)

**Registration at Website:**  
<http://subfertilityforum.caritas.sg>  
Email: [subfertilityforum@gmail.com](mailto:subfertilityforum@gmail.com)

CMG co-organized its annual forum on subfertility, with the Natural Family Planning Society, on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013, at the Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre. The forum explored ethical options respectful of the gift of fertility and sexual such as the Billings Ovulation Method and Naprotechnology.



## † What's New on Doctor's Blog:

### ▪ "A Doctor's Prayer"

A short piece on what a doctor prays for at Church. Everyone holds different values close to their hearts.

What do you pray for?

[Full article](#)

### ▪ "The Healthcare Debate"

Much has been said about our healthcare system – how it compares across the world, how it can improve, what are its strong points, etc etc.

Ever wondered for a moment, if we shared the same idea of what "healthcare" should be, or is all about?

[Full article](#)



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## † Regular Events:

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

- Time: 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013  
6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013  
7.30pm – 9pm

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

*Join us for our weekly BYOB sharing and fellowship, held on every Thursday, except the last Thursday of the month!*

### 2. HO Welcome Tea & Mass

- Date: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013, Wednesday  
- Time: 11am – 4pm  
- Venue: Mt Alvernia Conference Room  
- Programme: 11am brunch; 11.30-1.30pm sharing sessions; 1.30-1.45pm tea break; 1.45-2.45pm sharing sessions; 3-4pm Mass celebrated by Fr David Garcia

*Join us for our annual HO Welcome Tea & Mass as we celebrate with our newly graduated HOs!*

*Future mass dates: 27th June, 17th August, 19th October.*

### 3. Outram Campus Weekly Mass

- Every Wednesday, 12.15pm  
- Venue: Medical Alumni Association Hall, Level 1 (Junction of College Road & Outram Rd)

More details [here](#)

