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National University of Singapore

Catholic Students' Society

"Christ in our community, Love in every heart"

Patron Saint: St Thomas Aquinas

Chaplains: Fr Frederick Quek, Fr Valerian Cheong

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Memorial of St Charles Borromeo

Today's Readings: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; Luke 16:1-8

announcements

Catholic Awareness Week 2006

We're looking for a committee to help organise **Catholic Awareness Week 2006**. CAW is the major CSS outreach event to the rest of campus. If you'd like to help or want to know more, please contact **Jason Tay** at jasonatyk@singnet.com.sg.

Candle goes online

Our CSS publication, *Candle* has gone online! Besides spiritual articles, *Candle* also features forums, a tagboard, and we will soon have a blog ring. This month, we focus on *Mary*, with articles on the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Rosary and the Novena. Drop by at <http://nuscss.org/candle/> to read more. There's also an online forum at forums.nuscss.org, for discussion on our faith and CG topics.

Sponsors needed for Christmas Celebration 2005

For this year's Christmas Celebration, we are appealing for sponsors who are willing to contribute to the Celebration because instead of gift exchange, we want to invite about 30 kids from a children's home to join us for the dinner. So we will need quite some money in order to pay for their dinner. Prize sponsors are also welcome for lucky draw. Interested sponsors please contact **Gabriel** (96640055, u0506720@nus.edu.sg) or **Marcus** (98318670, u0507639@nus.edu.sg). If you know anyone who might be interested to sponsor us, please help us inform them too.

Legion of Mary

The Legion is a society based on trying to be like *Mary*, saying yes to God in our lives in whatever we do. We come together to encourage each other to pray and to work for the glory of God in our lives, with the support and input from our Spiritual Director, Fr. Frans de Ridder. If you are feeling like you want more in your Catholic life, truly, there is no better way to get to know Christ than through the eyes of *Mary*, his mother. We invite each and every one of you to come, see and experience what the Legion is about. No need to join us, just come and see!

Every **Tuesday at 6.00pm** (Dinner), 7.00pm - 8.30pm (Legion meeting) at YIH. Please contact **Nick Chui** - 97843682 or u0201371@nus.edu.sg

Mass is on **Fri, 6.15pm at LT17** and **Wed, 1pm** (usually at YIH; Mass for last Wed of a month is at NUS Staff Club).

Visit our website: www.nuscss.org, and discussion forums: forums.nuscss.org.

Read **The Candle**, our online publication at www.nuscss.org/candle.

E-mail us at nuscss@catholic.org.sg. Subscribe to our mailing list at groups.yahoo.com/group/nuscss/.

events

Revolutionary Love - 15th Youth in the Spirit Seminar

date: 8 – 11 Dec 2005.
venue: Catholic Spirituality Centre, 1261 Serangoon Road.
contact: Thelma (90117062) or Francis (92961705) or email: youthinthespiritseminar@gmail.com.

Ever wondered what your life is all about?? “Revolutionary Love - The 15th Youth in the Spirit Seminar” will be organized by the Amplify Ministry from 8 – 11 Dec 2005 for all youths aged 18 – 30. Come along side young people to **explore and discover God**, our faith and the purpose of our lives, in this **fun filled stay-in retreat**. For more information, please contact **Thelma (90117062)** or **Francis (92961705)** or email: youthinthespiritseminar@gmail.com, or visit <http://www.amplifyministries.org/YISS.php>.

Triversity Thanksgiving Mass

date/time: Friday, 9 Dec 2005, 6.30pm.
venue: Cathedral of the Good Shepherd.

NUS, NTU and SMU will be coming together for a **thanksgiving mass** during the December holidays. It is a time for us to gather together and **give thanks** for God's blessings throughout the year.

“Jesus Lives In Us!” - CSS Retreat 2005

date/time: 14 - 16 Dec 05
venue: Catholic Archdiocesan Youth Centre (CAYC).
contact: Your FCG head or Alexis at lindee_07@hotmail.com.

Our annual CSS retreat will be held on 14 - 16 Dec. This year's theme is "**Jesus Lives in Us**", and the focus is on **prayer, personal reflection, and building a closer relationship with God**. Please register early with your FCG heads or contact Alexis at lindee_07@hotmail.com for information or registration. We're also looking for **facilitators** to help out in the retreat. If you'd like to help out as a facil, please let your FCG heads know, or contact Alexis at lindee_07@hotmail.com.

“Christ Actually” - CSS Christmas Celebration 2005

date/time: Tue, 20 Dec 05, 5.30pm
venue: Pine Tree Club
contact: Your FCG head or Melissa at 94378757.

The theme for this year's Christmas Celebration is "**Christ Actually**". Interested parties please inform your respective FCG heads. There are 10 seats per table. Join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship with exciting programmes!

Also, we are appealing for **sponsors** who are willing to contribute to the Celebration because this year, instead of gift exchange, we want to invite about 30 kids from a children's home to join us for the dinner. So we will need quite some money in order to pay for their dinner. Prize sponsors are also welcome for lucky draw. Interested sponsors please contact **Gabriel (96640055, u0506720@nus.edu.sg)** or **Marcus (98318670, u0507639@nus.edu.sg)**.

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Choice Weekend

date: 6 - 8 Jan 2006
venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West St.42 (SBS 157 from Boon Lay MRT)
contact: Edmund at edmundg@singnet.com.sg, or sign up at www.choice.org.sg

Choice is a 48 hour Archdiocesan programme for young adults take a break from fast-paced urgency-driven activities in favor of time to reflect, recharge and consider what matters most, in life, in the next year, the next month! The content of the program is universal in nature, focusing on communication skills, people and the choices we make. A weekend in January 2006 will be organized specially for the CSS Community and the team will consists of former members of CSS (Hsing Dee, Bernie, Darryl, etc) and even the ABeng.Com SD (Fr Franc). Do e-mail **Edmund** (edmundg@singnet.com.sg) for more info.

saint of the day

St Charles Borromeo



Charles was the son of Count Gilbert Borromeo and Margaret Medici, sister of Pope Pius IV. He was born at the family castle of Arona on Lake Maggiore, Italy on October 2. He received the clerical tonsure when he was twelve and was sent to the Benedictine abbey of SS. Gratian and Felinus at Arona for his education.

In 1559 his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV and the following year, named him his Secretary of State and created him a cardinal and administrator of the see of Milan. He served as Pius' legate on numerous diplomatic missions and in 1562, was instrumental in having Pius reconvene the Council of Trent, which had been suspended in 1552. Charles played a leading role in guiding and in fashioning the decrees of the third and last group of sessions. He refused the headship of the Borromeo family on the death of Count Frederick Borromeo, was ordained a priest in 1563, and was consecrated bishop of Milan the same year. Before being allowed to take possession of his see, he oversaw the catechism, missal, and breviary called for by the Council of Trent.

When he finally did arrive at Trent (which had been without a resident bishop for eighty years) in 1556, he instituted radical reforms despite great opposition, with such effectiveness that it became a model see. He put into effect, measures to improve the morals and manners of the clergy and laity, raised the effectiveness of the diocesan operation, established seminaries for the education of the clergy, founded a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for the religious instruction of children and encouraged the Jesuits in his see.

He increased the systems to the poor and the needy, was most generous in his help to the English college at Douai, and during his bishopric held eleven diocesan synods and six provincial councils. He founded a society of secular priests, Oblates of St. Ambrose (now Oblates of St. Charles) in 1578, and was active in preaching, resisting the inroads of protestantism, and bringing back lapsed Catholics to the Church. He encountered opposition from many sources in his efforts to reform people and institutions.

He died at Milan on the night of November 3-4, and was canonized in 1610. He was one of the towering figures of the Catholic Reformation, a patron of learning and the arts, and though he achieved a position of great power, he used it with humility, personal sanctity, and unselfishness to reform the Church, of the evils and abuses so prevalent among the clergy and the nobles of the times. His feast day is November 4th.

A Student's Prayer

Creator of all things,
true source of light and wisdom,
origin of all being,
graciously let a ray of your light penetrate
the darkness of my understanding.

Take from me the double darkness
in which I have been born,
an obscurity of sin and ignorance.

Give me a keen understanding,
a retentive memory, and
the ability to grasp things
correctly and fundamentally.

Grant me the talent
of being exact in my explanations
and the ability to express myself
with thoroughness and charm.

Point out the beginning,
direct the progress,
and help in the completion.

I ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

~ *St Thomas Aquinas* ~
(patron saint of CSS)

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=2530

quotes

"In the evening of our life, we will be examined in love."

*"Love consists not in feeling great things but in having great detachment
and in suffering for the Beloved."*

~ *St John of the Cross* ~

<http://www.karmel.at/ics/john/dichos.htm>
