

Balitang Nagbibigay Buhay

Filipino Ministry



CALLING ALL SONG WRITERS
An initiative of the Filipino Ministry to Celebrate the 500th Year of Christianity in the Philippines

#500YOC

Song Writing Competition

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This is big!
Imagine your song being played in the Archdiocese of Vancouver as a way to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of Christianity of the Philippines. No, it is not just big - it is Epic!

DO YOU HAVE A SONG FOR JESUS?

Last call for entries to the 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines Songwriting competition

The Filipino Ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver is still accepting submissions for original compositions to use in the upcoming celebration of 500 Years of Christianity (YOC) in the Philippines. Inspired by the Gospel of Matthew 10:8. The theme of "Gifted to Give", calls us to share God's gifts for evangelization using platforms we already use everyday.

Now before you think of missionaries travelling to far flung communities in sharing God's word, evangelization today has been made much easier, thanks to technology and various social media platforms. Homer Reyes of Our Lady of Good Counsel parish in Surrey says, the new missionary work can be done in such a way that people can relate to our present situation in a fun and inspiring way.

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Eucharistic Adoration - the foundation of the Filipino Ministry spirituality. See Matthew 7.7 story next page.

... song for Jesus!

"Many people can use digital technology through different social media platforms such as YouTube channels, Instagram, Twitter and the like. Majority of Filipinos have skills to create their own songs whether it be secular music as in love songs or simple ballads. What many do not openly share is that they are also into sacred, liturgical or original spiritual songs", said Reyes.

He speaks from experience. Twelve years ago, Reyes' parish had a songwriting composition contest for the visit of Saint John Don Bosco's relics in Vancouver. From the many entries received, an original Filipino composition was chosen as the theme song. That same song is still used in Don Bosco events both in Manila and Canada today.

While music as an expression of faith is not new, Reyes adds the 500 YOC celebration is a fitting way to use our kababayans' talents - sharing skills by way of evangelizing many people through the use of music. The theme in itself is his personal inspiration for this project.

"I got inspired by this Gospel of Matthew as a theme that we can evangelize continuously; not only to the ones near us (or those in closer proximity), but also by allowing the Holy Spirit to move and preach the word of God through song-writing to all the world."

He says the entries received to date shows how the community is inspired by the work of God through the messages conveyed in each song and melody. He is proud that Filipino entries are made of music that is both unique and easy to sing along with.

So, the next time you're in the mood to create your latest vlog, sing on video or hum your way through prayer, it could be God's way of inviting you to use your talent for Him.

The Filipino Ministry will continue accepting entries for both Mass Setting and 500 YOC theme categories until November 7th, Saturday at 12 noon. Submissions can be sent via email at askmymusic@rocketmail.com.

More information about the songwriting competition can be found at <https://rcav.org/filipino-ministry/500yoc>.

"Share Your Song, Give Your Gift" poster, courtesy of Angelo Yap.

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MATTHEW 7.7

Prayer Brigade continues to stand as the backbone of the Filipino Ministry

Last October 25th the Matthew 7.7 Prayer Brigade held it's 44th 3-hour Intensive Prayer session with Eucharistic Adoration (Livestreamed via <https://youtu.be/DSPTPCY8s-s>). Apart from individually praying for those in need, the brigade gathers in a parish on a rotation basis for the 3-hour session monthly.

Members of Matthew 7.7 are: Andiso, Gertrude; Arzadon, Jimmy; Arzadon, Liza; Barcelon, Deacon Greg; Barcelon, Ivy; Barona, Nercy; Barona, Ting; Bellinger, Marilou; Bernardo, Corgie; Cabanos, Arnold; Cabanos, Girlie; Carino, Josie; Carino, Lito ; Corros-Neumeyer, Helen; De los Reyes, Eric; De los Reyes, Rose; De los Santos, Alex; De los Santos, Stella; Del Mundo, Emy; Del Mundo, Fil; Felices, Danny; Felices, Suzy; Festejo, Mario; Festejo, Marienne; Forouzan, Kami; Forouzan, Vivian; Javier, Jeff; Javier, Neneth; Josue, Ely; Josue, Emy; Juanima, Ellen; Juanima, Mel; La Rosa, Marie; Lastica, Jun (Yolly); Lomotan, Nikki; Mazo, Connie; Monroy, Rose; Muralla, Fem; Muralla, Kit; Neill, Flora; Pabalate, Benjie-Rey; Pabalate, Rizza-Mae; Pascual, Pinky; Perez, Ethel; Perez, Rene; Pizarro, Allel; Pizarro, Cerlyn; Quachon, Honeylita; Sabellano, Wynell; Saplala, Alma; Siglos, Maver; Soriano, Baby; Soriano, Joey; Villacarlos, Mayette; and Villacarlos, Roland. For prayer requests, contact Baby Soriano at: masoriano618@hotmail.ca.