



領洗後的感想 (一)

Reflection on my baptismal day

Bertha Ho

未領洗前，每當在主日彌撒中總覺得自己好像是門外漢。到受洗那日起就覺得很完美，尤其可領受聖體，與主同在。

今年四月一日早上從電視中一度傳出教宗的死訊，心情很緊張，好像自己家人出事一樣，這種接觸，真是前所未有。我以前對教宗的公職從不掛在心上，對教宗所知不多，並沒有特別感覺。現在對教宗的關心，感受深刻，原來我真的感覺融入了教會這個大家庭，真正成為天父的子女，教會的事即是我要關心的事，有義務去分擔。

這是上主給我一個極大的啟示，希望日後能參加讀經班或道理班，那我的得著會更多。

OfeliaLiu

當聖水灑在頭上的那一刻，我知道這不是普通的水，心裏充滿了感恩，上主終於揀選了我，當初還是一知半解之時，心中已感覺耶穌的召喚，原來真是祂接觸了我。受洗之後，我更仰賴祂了，也許偶爾會懶惰不想上教堂，但心中對祂的愛卻不曾稍減。現在越來越明白，追求祂的國是一生的工作，很不容易做到；但是我願意盡力，痛苦悲傷的時候尋求祂的憐憫，開心得意的時候與祂分享並感恩！

John Huang

2005年的復活節對我而言，是一個極具重大意義的日子，因我領受了堅振聖事，而真正成為天主的兒子。

回顧以往，雖然我在出生後不久便領了洗，但在孩童時期因父母忙於工作、家庭環境等客觀因素，而未能接受完整而有系列的教理課程。直到去年參加聖堂舉辦的慕道班，使我真正學習到並了解各項教義、禮儀，懂得彌撒聖祭真正的意義，也深切領悟到要時時刻刻勇敢面對各種困難，承認自己的弱點，虛心地向天父認罪，虔誠地祈禱。祈求聖神帶領我，讓昔日的我與基督一起埋葬，一同復活。

現在的我，如同迷失的羔羊又回到羊棧一樣，我願以耶穌基督為榜樣，求祂賜與天主聖神的智慧，明辨社會上的是非善惡，按照福音精神善度基督徒生活，活出信、望、愛三德，並盡可能在友儕中發揮光和鹽的作用、見證和傳播基督的福音。

Patrick Wu

每年的復活節是紀念基督的救恩，也是慶祝基督徒的重生。今年比較不一樣的是：我終於可以領受聖洗和獲得信友們的祝福。這份喜悅至今仍然觸動著身體的每一根神經。

教宗病危和辭世的消息相繼在我心中激起了強烈的悲傷。在閱讀過他生前的偉業功績和當年遇刺後所表現的宏大寬恕之心，讓我認識到「愛」的真諦。身為天主教徒的我們，是否更應以教宗若望保祿二世為榜樣，彼此相親相愛呢？讓天主的光榮及慈愛得以在我們身上彰顯。

藉此機會，感謝在我信仰道路上一直扶持著我的人——區老師、汪老師和所有帶領我認識主的兄弟姐妹。願天父賜平安和福樂他們。

Venus Mak

復活節前夕，我從朱神父處領受洗禮，而成為一個基督徒，至今已有兩星期多了。回想在慕道期間，得到各導師悉心指導下，使我更加認識到天主和教會及所有的禮儀，在此感謝各位導師們。

我亦藉著這機會和大家分享我的一個生活體驗，在某一個星期日的下午，我載著我的小朋友到同學家做功課，當車子駛經 Knight Street 夾 63 街時，被一輛小型客貨車碰到，車子失去控制，越過對面行車線，當時我聽到一把聲音跟我說：「停車！停車！」於是我立刻把車停下來。就在這時我望向迎面的汽車，他們也紛紛把車停下。心想如果他們來不及停下，我和我的小朋友極可能是就此喪命或嚴重受傷。對方不停的責罵我，反而我內心有著一份平和不像以前的不知所措。我覺得這次的意外是獲得上主的恩寵和護佑。

RosemaryLiu

還記得復活前夕那一天晚上，每人都拿著蠟燭面向著教堂門外。神父及輔祭在教堂外燃點起五傷燭，場面十分感人及神聖。在神父步入教堂，我們跪下三次過程，這一刻我感受到聖神臨在我的心內。那一刻天父也臨在我們的聖事當中，場面實是感人。神父後來在我的額上傳油畫上十字時，我感到聖神降臨在我身上，差點兒哭了出來。複雜的心情百感交集，最後我領受了聖洗，以後立志做個愛主愛人的教友。

今年的復活節對我來說是一個非常特別的日子；除了參與慶祝耶穌復活外，更在眾弟兄姊妹前見證我重新立志要跟隨耶穌的美好時刻。

還記得復活前夕的晚上，我帶著不適的身軀，與代母坐在聖堂漆黑的一角，只覺千斤壓在肩頭上，令我想起主耶穌替我們所背負的十字架及被懸掛在上的痛苦。當神父將五傷燭燃點後，將光引入聖堂的中央慢慢燃亮每角落後，我忽然有很特別的感覺，想起了若望宗徒的話：「我是世界的光，跟隨我的，決不在黑暗中行走，必有生命的光。」(若 8：12)

我從小就有機會認識主耶穌，小學時在基督教小學讀書，並參加主日學，還未到畢業便隨著其他同學一窩蜂的受浸了，回家後還給媽媽責罵。中學時在一所天主教中學就讀，有機會參加學校的彌撒及其他宗教活動。直到在社會工作，就甚少踏足聖堂。移民到這裏後亦只顧在工作上尋找滿足，根本沒有把神記在心中。數年前，健康出了問題，不能再工作時，常自怨自艾，意志消沈了好一段日子，在一個很偶然的機會，天主藉著一家陌生的人，提醒我這迷失了的羊，重回到祂的羊棧。最初參與彌撒時，當聽到詩歌、祈禱、讀經或神父的講道，不禁默默流淚，我暗暗向天主說：「可否讓我重頭再來一次？我渴望認識更深，請接納我。」

透過慕道班我可以重新親近天主，認識更多祂的愛。盼望在慕道班結束後，我可以繼續裝備自己，有機會參與查經小組，祈禱小組，以分享在信仰生活的點滴。更希望日後能了解聖堂的不同善會，以便投入聖堂的大家庭。

最後要實行耶穌給我們最大愛的誡命，我想與大家分享聖保祿宗徒所說的：「愛是含忍的，愛是慈祥的，愛不嫉，不誇張，不自大，不作無禮的事，不求己益，不動怒，不圖謀惡事，不以不義為樂，卻與真理同樂。凡事包容，凡事相信，凡事盼望，凡事忍耐，愛永存不朽。」(格前 13：4-8)

潘智添

自領洗後，心中充滿喜樂與祥和，豁然領悟到福音的真義，我再無掛慮，一心依靠天主。因為「天空的飛鳥，牠們不播種，也不收穫，也不在糧倉裏屯積，你們的天父還是養活牠們；」(瑪 6：26)我不是比牠們還矜貴嗎？又何須憂慮世上的一切呢？只要依恃主的照顧，盡力愛主愛人，使人因我的表現而願意認識主。

從去年九月開始的慕道歷程，我認識了一大群好友，我們一起走上天主給我們鋪設的道路，認識天主，學習道理。經過多個月來的慕道生活，感覺到自己一天一天的在改變，內心已被耶穌每一句聖言充實。剛領洗的我，仿如一個初新嬰兒，獲得了一個新生命。洗過禮，領過聖體，祈禱時，回想起世界上各種發生過的戰爭，生靈的塗炭，令我留下了淚，我只希望世界和平，父母健康。現在的我，開始踏上了人生的正途，有了目標，我要活出生命，活出真我！

Adrian Lau

很多年前，在澳門教會工作的姑婆送給我一條項鍊。我當時莫不經心，只把它當作普通的禮物，混在其他玩具一起收藏起來。隨後，家搬遷了好幾次，舊物也棄掉了不少，雖然這項鍊一直的被保留著，卻也只被閒置一旁。

直到領洗前的幾天，心裏猛然記起了這條項鍊，覺得好像帶有些意義，所以便打算領洗當天掛上它去參與儀式。到了領洗當天早上，和家人閒談時不經意的提到這條項鍊，母親淡然的說：「如果姑婆今天還在，她一定很開心。」

坦白說，我對姑婆的印象其實十分模糊，但不知何故，母親那短短的一句話卻一直在我腦海打轉著，即使在儀式進行中，間中也浮起著母親那句話。當我領聖體後，跪著感謝聖體時，閉上眼睛，我不禁的抓著胸口的那條項鍊。剎那間，我感到姑婆原來是那麼接近，我想或者她真的多麼期待這天的來臨，她今天是多麼的喜悅。此時此刻，我想她也在天國默默的祈禱著。也許這一切都是天主的安排，藉著姑婆給我的一條項鍊，在信仰路上一直守望著我。

這一個晚上，天主不但讓我認識祂，也讓我重新惦念這位離去多年的親人。

Stephen Mak

在現今的世界中，有很多令人抱打不平的事情正在發生。戰爭、同性婚姻、基因複製、貧困等問題每天都出現在新聞頭條中。作為一個新領洗的天主教徒，我覺得我們應當堅持我們教會的教義及價值觀，並運用天主賜給我們的智慧及一顆善良的心，作地上的鹽，世界的光，服務教會，熱心祈禱，多關心世界時事及參與社團工作。我藉此感謝我的家人、外公、已故教宗若望保祿二世及 Bono。因為他們改變了我對家人、教會及世界的觀點及價值觀，使我成為一個更加完全的人。



Sarah Wu

Have you ever thought to yourself, if I knew what I know now, I would have done it differently? Or I wish I get a “Do-Over”? Is there a “mulligan”

I can get in life as in golf? As I was going through the rehearsal for my baptism last week, I was filled with anticipation and because my baptism is my “Do-Over”, my “Mulligan”.

I was asked during the first class why I decided to register. To be honest, I really did not know then what made me decide to learn more about the Catholic faith, I attended services of different faiths throughout the years but I never felt like I belong. I was not sick, I have a happy home life with my husband, I am rich with many caring friends, and I did not have to worry about anything. I was content. Nevertheless, I was searching and I had a thirst for the “Why?” – Why are we here? How do things work? Why do people not care more? Why are my efforts not appreciated? What ever happened to courtesy, consideration and respect for people and their belongings? Why are things not falling in line with my / our plan? Why am I not taller? smarter? and thinner? What I gleaned from the various teachers from class summarized as follows, “We are here, in the catechism class, to learn about God; to learn about God’s love for us, to get closer to God and share in our growth in our faith within the community. All things fall in line with God’s plan and we might not see what God is planning because his plan is infinite and we are just a small speck.”

I truly believe my journey to learn more and know more about the Catholic faith starts from that moment my sponsor gave me the form to enroll into the class. The past few months in class were the start of the foundation in my faith. With the right mix of instruction, guidance, friendship, and our common goal to be closer to God, my foundation is a work in progress. I am glad I am not alone in this endeavor. I am thankful for the people God surrounded me. I did not realize how many people he put in my path before and now I know why. We were told in class to live the example; I was envious; that we are not making more money; I have a fractured family and always wanting more time to do what I should have done already. I needed a “do-over”! I need to be more generous with my time, be more patient and be thankful for all I have. I truly saw just by being proud of attending catechism class, the dialogs I have started was enlightening and empowering. I see my husband who was baptized as a child and subsequently

left the church return to attend Mass. The amazing thing is that he cannot understand the language spoken and he still attends. When I discussed what I learned in class, it reminded him of what he learned many years ago and renewed his understanding and faith.

Most of the people I surrounded myself with were already Catholic, they did not force their faith on me to the point that scared me away, and they were friendly and helpful. Maybe God’s plan is to use me to bring my husband back to church or to help my family relationship to be stronger, maybe to help my classmates and friends. From my baptism, I have stopped asking the Why and now I am onto the How. How can I learn more? How can I contribute my talents? How do I share God’s love for me? – so if I knew what I know now before, I would have asked the right questions to my sponsor when she first invited me to the Church’s Family Day. I am thankful that she kept in touch with me for the past fifteen years. I would have known sooner why God chose me.

Alfred Lau

On the day of the baptism, I was very nervous and excited. At the moment when I stepped into the church, I actually felt that I was embraced in Christ’s arms. That feeling was very comfortable, warm, and soothing. I said to myself, “Thank you Jesus Christ. I’ve finally made it here”. The moment when I stood in the darkened church awaiting for the priest to enter, I felt sad. Perhaps it was the atmosphere. I stood there in the middle of a huge crowd and focused my attention on the priest’s every single movement. From the moment of lighting the candles to entering the church, I did not remove my full concentration. When the priest walked in, the candles emitted a glow, which had lightened the church. When the church turned from dark to light, I had a feeling that it represented us. We were brought from the dark and resurrected to the light. That feeling was very special as if I can finally leave behind all my guilt and live a new life.

The events that happened before the actual baptism were like a rising action of a movie. And as the actions climbed closer toward the climax, the more nervous I got. I prayed and hoped God could give me courage to face the challenges that would follow, and hoped that I could live up to be a good, fervent and devoted catholic. Finally, we were called up to get baptized. I cleared up my mind and prepared myself to receive the biggest grace in my life. I foresaw the peace and happiness that would embrace me because I know I have made the right decision.