

# ESL Weekly News

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## WE CONTINUE RENEWING!

The Bible inspires us saying that there is time for everything. So, we can conclude that there are moments even for renovations. It does not exclude those times when we have to say good bye. Some people could be a little sad when saying good bye. But our time to say *adios* arrived. Yes, *a Dios*. Let us give to God this part of the life that is finishing. A few days ago I went to a friend’s house and there I saw written on the wall something like ‘don’t be sad because it is over, be happy because it happened.’ This is how I feel writing and editing this small yet rich project for the last time with such talented brothers. However, the moment to renew and be renewed is present. We just should “welcome the Spirit” and look for “new prospective.” I’m glad because it happened. I’m happy for all that I received doing this simple job. I’m better after reading so many point of views, from Philosophy to Christianity. I’m opened to God since I met Him in His Word commented. I’m more sensitive to the human feelings now that I have so many poems in mind. My good sense of humor improved looking at those funny cartoons. I have more culture now that I know different African concepts and Asian stylistic poems. My social skills increased when I dealt with people from all over the world. My world view became larger after asking some questions. I had time to experience all these precious events. Welcome to this summary of the world you who will continue taking care of this valuable project. I’m happier now that I could live this marvelous opportunity. *A Dios*.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Ubuntu* is still possible.
- Time to say good words.
- “Each chef has a specific job.”
- Responding God’s call implies renunciation.
- What is the target?
- Facing the future.



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## UNDERSTANDING UBUNTU BY ADAM MASLOWSKI, SCJ (POLAND)

Dear Reader, as I already indicated to you in my last article, this time I will make an attempt to present to you a practical way of understanding the concept of Ubuntu.

It was mentioned that, for example, widows and orphans in Africa belong to someone in the community because the social values of Ubuntu ensure that no one is left out. In other words, all who belong to a community are taken care of even though someone might be a stranger or a visitor who is passing by. Then, everyone from the community should try their best and make visitors comfortable. Visitors are provided for and pro-

tected in every house they pass through, and it is worthy to notice that this is without payment expected.

Now let me quote Nelson’s Mandela explanation of Ubuntu, “A traveler through a country would stop at a village and he didn’t have to ask for food or for water. Once he stops, the people give him food, entertain him.” (fragment of an interview by Tim Modise).

I would say, ironically, it happened to me when I visited Zimbabwe over a year ago. I was traveling from the South to the North of the country, and staying overnight in Bulawayo, Gweru, Karoi, Harare and finally in Masvingo. The idea of Ubuntu was present there. The equivalent of the Zulu saying *umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu* in Shona, the language largely spoken in Zimbabwe is *munhu munhu nekuda kwevanhu*. I hope you will have such an experience in your lifetime and know that nowadays it is still possible.



Fr. Adam in Zimbabwe



Based on research done by Joshua Mpiti, SCJ



Today is the last day of the **ESL Summer Session 2011**. Looking back at all what we lived here as a group we notice that it’s time to say good words. The classes, the moments of prayer, the field trips, the Cultural Fair, and all what we shared living together certainly made us better than before. Congratulations to all the students for successfully completing ESL Summer Session II.

## ESL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY JONATHAN SCHNEIDERS (BRAZIL)



Angel



Diego



Johannes



Jairson



Philemon



Ferdinand

Some guys already left our house (left). Others will be leaving this weekend.



To them, we say good bye, God bless you all and keep in touch.

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## NEWS BITES

BY MARIO ALQUEJAY (GUATEMALA)



### Who Is The Man?

Everything is always already, where teachers, students, brothers, priests, employees, and visitors enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner, coffee, dessert, soup, salad, etc. There are clean tables with flowers and good meals.

Every day around two hundred people, from different cultures and different traditions, come together to enjoy their meals at Sacred Heart School of Theology. These community meals are possible because of the hardworking food service personnel. I am talking about the team of food service workers at Sacred Heart, where Brian Gullicksen is responsible for all of this.



Gullicksen is the coordinator, but he is not alone. He has seven members on his team: Ryan, Greg, Benny, Kevin, James, Randy, and Joe. Every day they start work at 4 am to prepare breakfast, at 10 am for lunch and at 2 pm to prepare dinner.

Gullicksen said, "Each chef has a specific job for the day." Ryan, Benny, and Kevin are the

chefs and Joe is in charge of the salad and the side dishes.

Gullicksen prepares the menu according to the students and the people who live at Sacred Heart. He always thinks about what the people would like to eat. He likes to include in the menu pasta, meat and Mexican food. He also thinks about the culture where the people come from. He makes the menu four months ahead. Gullicksen gets his food from the SYSCO Company. Sysco is the global leader in selling, marketing and distributing food products to restaurants, healthcare and educational facilities. He buys fresh food and fresh vegetables. He and his team work very hard.

Many priests were students at Sacred Heart, and many students will be ordained priests. Gullicksen's team supports our vocation with their talents and their dedication in the kitchen to give us nutritious meals. Gullicksen and his team are part of our lives because of the meals. I am writing this article at 11:30 am. So, I am very hungry and waiting to enjoy my delicious lunch.

So, Brian Gullicksen is the man.

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Aginaldo Jean Baptiste Jonathan



Marc Possidonio



Sergio Wagner



However, on next Monday will begin the ESL Fall Session with "new prospective". That is our ESL Program renewing and bringing up good novelties.

Therefore, we would like to welcome and introduce you to the new **Editorial Team** of our ESL Weekly News.



Adam Yen Mario

Adam and Mario are already part of the group as writers. Yen comes to join the team being responsible for the Haiku. Welcome and thank you for your availability.



## BIBLICAL COMMENTARY

BY JEAN ROBERT BIGIRIMANA (BURUNDI)

### Obstacles to Respond to God's Call

For the fourth consecutive Sunday, Jesus tells us about the Kingdom of God using a parable. And there are some new additional aspects. In the Gospel of this Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, we are invited to revise the availability and the seriousness with which we respond to God's call.

Jesus is telling us what is like God's Kingdom. A king, he says, had organized a wedding feast for his son and invited people. Not only had the guests declined the invitation but they also mistreated and killed the king's servants who were sent to them. Thereafter the king sent his servants into the *main roads to invite whomever they find*. Coming to *meet the guests, the king saw a man there not dressed in wedding garment*. Then he ordered to his attendants to bind him and *cast him into the darkness outside*.

As it can be seen through this summary, the parable is focused on the guests who did not meet the king's expectation, and at first glance this may seem to present no evil. But as relations be-

tween people and God are concerned, such an attitude would be fraught with consequence. For, if we do not care about God, we cannot avoid paying the dearly later. The point at issue in this parable, to which we are to pay attention, is the loss of the sense of scale of values by people. The king's invitation to his subjects for such an important feast was a way to explain how great his love for them was.



Those who were formerly invited didn't respond because they were too busy with their own affairs. In other words, they estimated that their own affairs were more important than the king's offer, which was a wrong discernment. For nothing can be compared to God's love, nor prevails against it.

Regarding the one who attended the feast without a wedding garment, this is also another illustration of a wrong discernment. There are many sorts of gar-

ments and to some extent we change our garment depending on the circumstance (sport, mourning, feast, religious system cults...). Garment can then reveal our intention and our mind. When participating in an important feast, if we deliberately dress casually, that reflects not only the lack of importance towards the party but also the lack of respect and love for our hosts. This was the case of the guest in question. Thus, such is the garment in the human relationships; such will be the human spirit in our relationship with God. If we are told in the parable that the King is the only one who spotted the carelessly dressed guest it is because the king represents God in the parable and God is effectively the only one who can see the state of our heart. For if it were a physical dress, even the king's servants would have remarked it, too.

So, on one hand responding to the call of God implies prior detachment and renunciation. But on the other hand it is not sufficient to respond positively to God's invitation to access to his Kingdom, we need first to be prepared and take out the unsuitable garment from our spirit.



## BE CAREFUL TO NOT MISS THE TARGET BY SERGIO MATUMOTO, SCJ (BRAZIL)

The first article I wrote had the title: Be Careful, You Could Be a Target about Wisconsin Law to Approve Carrying Guns, but the target today is another one.

One meaning of sin in Hebrew is missing the target. If you sin, you have missed the target.

What is this target?



I think our target is to be glad. But wish the target of gladness, we don't find plenty here, but in the Kingdom of Heavens.

Sometimes we confuse real gladness with pleasure. And we hear: "You have to do something to bring pleasure to you". And like the monks of desert said we recognize in ourselves one law that said, "Run from suffering and search for pleasure". It is a fact we don't want to suffer, but suffering is part of life. How do live togeth-

er with this contradiction, pleasure versus suffer?

If we think our existential target is material pleasure we will consequently miss the target. It means we will sin. Why? Because we don't search for the will of God but our immanent will.

Some people think their target are money, fame, work, another person, but if God doesn't sustain this and isn't a final objective, nothing else in life makes sense. And when the existential target is gone, in an illusion of smoke, people who don't have God to sustain them sometimes become desperate. They commit suicide "for love", or "*harakiri*" in their jobs, or jump in front of a train, or use drugs until death, and so on.

**"Come and turn our arrow of life while we have time to hit the bull's-eye of the target of God"**

In John 10:10b we read: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly". And if we continue, Jesus said that he is the good shepherd. God is our target, He gives us plenty of life here and eternal life with Him.



Let's go be glad, even in our suffering. With Jesus we learn to carry our daily cross and with Him our cross is light because He is meek and humble of heart.

On the other hand if we want to make our own target, we are sinning against God because we won't give Him our adoration, love and service and one day, inevitably, we will discover that target was an illusion.

Come and turn our arrow of life while we have time to hit the bull's-eye of the target of God, the target of Kingdom of Heavens where we are invited to live eternally with God and His angels and saints.

# ARTS



## MUSIC... DIVINE CREATION II

By Fr. Florent Emmanuel KANGA, SAC

(Cameroun)

On the fifth day, God spoke and created the SOL / G  
Evening came and morning followed...  
That was the fifth musical note

On the sixth day, He spoke again and created the LA / A  
Evening came and morning followed...  
That was the sixth musical note

On the seventh day, God spoke again and created the SI / B  
Evening came and morning followed...  
That was the seventh and final musical note

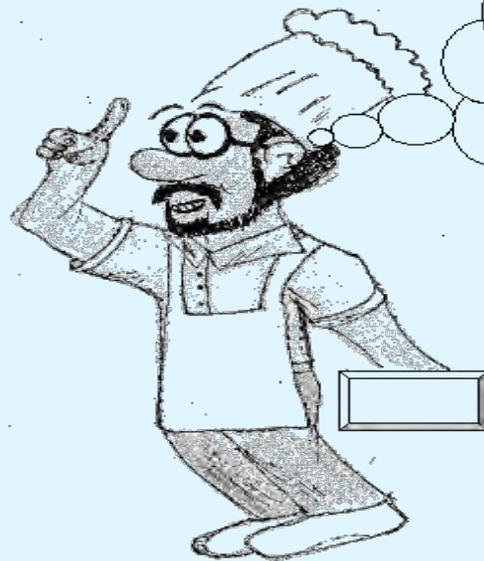
Thus, God have created all the seventh notes of music  
God saw how good it was, and He was proud and glad.  
He took music and gave it to man, saying....

"This will be your fuel, in times of joy and happiness  
"This will be your medicine in times of sadness  
"This will be your companion in times of solitude..."

Thank you God for the sound, for the music...  
May we praise you forever for the music... in music...

*Inspired from the book of Genesis 1:1- 2: 4*

### GETTING EXPERIENCES

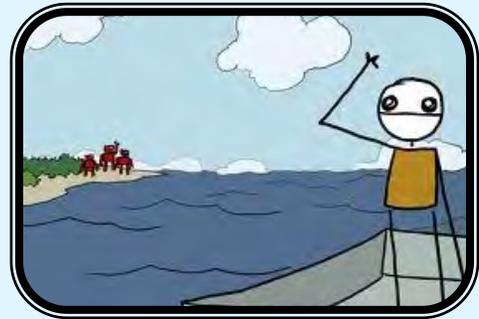


By: Mario Alquejay

## Haiku

By Jonathan

Time to say good-bye.  
If you prefer say a Dios.  
Let's face our future.



I need the secret of  
"MEXICAN FOOD"  
because Luis Miguel  
and David prepared  
very nice food in  
cultural fair.