

24 March 2018

Dear collaborators-in-Christ, benefactors and sisters and brothers-in-Christ,

FINAL AWAKEN RETREAT, 14-17 JUNE 2018

The AWAKEN retreat began in Catholic Spirituality Centre (“CSC”) in June 2010 under the direction of then Spiritual Director, Fr. William Goh, who wanted to make available to the young adults, the Conversion Experience Retreat (“CER”) that he was conducting. As such, the CER was adapted into AWAKEN to meet the unique needs of the young adults so that they would be able to encounter God, be healed and empowered for the mission of God in the same ways as the adults.

We have had the privilege of witnessing countless miracles in the lives of many young adults in the last 14 Awakens. We praise and thank God for having worked powerfully through the Centre at the AWAKEN retreat and for allowing us to contribute towards the New Evangelisation in Singapore.

With the establishment of the Archdiocesan Office for Young People (“OYP”) in November 2013, the OYP has been a great platform in reaching out to the young people in Singapore. Together with the OYP communities, the OYP is best positioned to meet the needs of the young people through their many programmes and retreats.

In view of OYP’s dedication in meeting the needs of the young people, it presents us with an opportunity to focus on aligning the retreats and programmes of the Centre. In consultation with the Bishop, the CSC leadership, I would like to inform us that this coming AWAKEN in June 2018 will be the very last AWAKEN retreat.

I am fully aware that there are many young adults and parents who may be anxious that the upcoming June AWAKEN is the last. Please realise that I feel with each one of you as I carry the burden of responsibility for discerning what is ahead of us.

Thank you for your support towards the Centre all these years, I ask for your prayers that we may remain strong in our discernment with the Lord and his anointed leader, Archbishop William Goh; so that we may continue towards this mission of helping others encounter God, healing hearts, and empowering lives.

Yours-in-Christ,

Rev Fr. Erbin Fernandez
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