

# Shrine Celebrates Yearlong Year of Faith

This year is declared as the Year of Faith by Pope Benedict XVI (October 1, 2012 – November 24, 2013). The Year of Faith

*summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world” (Porta Fidei 6). In other words, the Year of Faith is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with him. The “door of faith” is opened at one’s baptism, but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church. (<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/>)*

For us here at the Shrine, one of the major programs during this Year of Faith is the Monthly Eucharistic Conference which aims at bringing the faithful to appreciate the Eucharist more deeply so that they may celebrate it profoundly and experience God’s Love at work in their lives. This month the topic is **“Eucharist: Nurturing Love”**. This will be on December 15 at 8:00 in the morning. Fr. Boy Salvador, SSJV, SLD will be our preacher. This conference is described as follows:

In this conference, we will learn how God’s love nurtures His people and how in a very intimate way is this nurturing love celebrated at the Holy Eucharist and how at this celebration He actually nourishes us. At Holy Communion, God gives us the True Bread from Heaven, the Word made flesh, Jesus, our Lord. He gives us His flesh to eat and His blood to drink. What does it mean to eat Jesus? How does eating the Word of God nourish us? And how does eating the Word made Flesh nourish us? What is the relationship between the Holy Communion of the Word and

the Holy Communion of the Body of Christ? As God nourishes us, how then are we to nourish one another?

I strongly encourage all our parishioners and mission partners to learn more about the Holy Eucharist. This is what your being a Mission Partner means. You are our partners in the Eucharistic Mission. Come and deepen your faith in the Eucharist. Learn and appreciate our FAITH.