

Holy Spirit what specific contribution/s does He want you to make so we can collectively achieve what has been set before us. It will be our joy to hear from you.

Brothers and sisters, we are very much aware of how much you love our God as shown in your work and support to what the community is doing. We praise God for each of you and we thank you for showing your love to Him by serving His people. And yet, most of us are not free from the burdens of life. All of us still experience problems and difficulties which might lead us to ask, "Is it worthwhile to continue living in and supporting a community like LOJC"? Should this question cross your mind, the letter to the Hebrews gives us an encouraging and assuring answer: God is not unjust; He will not forget the work you did and the love you showed for Him by helping His people. And He will remember that you are still helping them. We want each of you to go on with the same hard work all your lives so **you will surely get what you hope for.** (Heb 6:10-11).

The God of power and of might, the God of all creation has spoken and has given us His promise. We know He will never fail us. May we also not fail Him!

### **Questions for Personal Reflection**

1. What can I say about these 2011 plans and budgets? Write your comments and thoughts and place them in the love offering box.
2. Pray and reflect on what specific ways the Lord is leading you to do for Him through our community. It could be He's asking you to step up into a headship role, a deeper and more active involvement in a ministry, a more regular financial offering or all of them. Write these leadings down and together we will offer them to the Lord in the next Feast on Feb 5, 2011.

### **LOJC FEAST IN THE WEST REMINDERS:**

**JAN 29-30, 2011. LOJC WEST FEAST LEADERS' TEAM BUILDING.**  
VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED

**FEB 05, 2011.....FEAST**  
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.

**FEB 12, 2011.....FEAST**  
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.

**FEB 26 & 27.....SERVING IN THE LIGHT SEMINAR (CLASS 300)**  
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
(OPEN TO ALL WHO HAVE TAKEN THE CLASS 200)

**MAR 5, 2011.....FEAST**  
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.

**MAR 19, 2011.....FEAST**  
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.

**APR 2, 2011.....FEAST**  
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.

**APR 9, 2011.....FEAST**  
HOLY ROSARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM, 1:30 p.m.

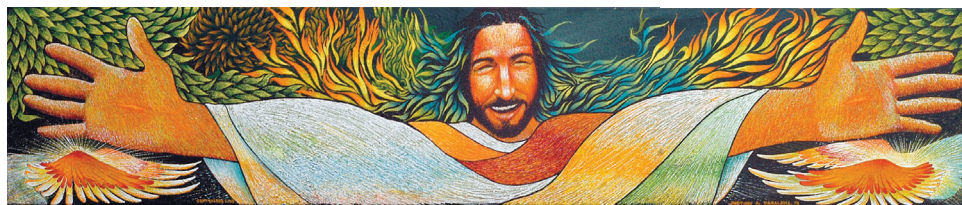
**APR 16, 2011....COMMUNITY-WIDE LENTEN RETREAT.**  
VENUE AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED.

**APR 30-MAY 1, 2011....LIVE-IN MARRIAGE DEEPENING RETREAT (MDR),**  
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## **WE WILL GROW IN 2011**

**"And when he (Jesus) came out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.' At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness." (Mk 1:10-12)**

This passage shows us that Jesus did nothing on His own. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have always worked together, not just because they are one God, but because God's very nature is community – an interactive community. Since He created us in His image, He likewise designed us for community life. He uses community for the implementation of His plans.

2010 saw the Light of Jesus moved from the chapter-based local Feasts to the Live Feasts with the inauguration of the Feast in St. Roch and the Feast in the West. Here in the West, after filling up our leadership needs with the Lord's anointed, we launched our Feast twice, a soft launch in January and once we felt comfortable with its format, we had a grand launch in October opening it to peoples of all cultures, colors and countries. We reached out to our community members in Cambridge, Guelph, Burlington, Milton and West Mississauga whose constant support have always been our inspiration and invited our families, friends, neighbours and co-workers to try and attend our Feasts. For the year, we welcomed close to 50 new people. We introduced them to a relationship with Jesus. Most of them stayed, having embraced their new found relationships and are now members of a Caring Group.

Financially, here's a quick update on the year end support the Lord blessed us with brothers and sisters who selflessly shared their treasures so the work for which the community has been called will continue to be done: We received a total of \$40,186 in tithes, love offerings and donation. This amount includes \$8,175 for our music and other equipment and \$1,516 for our dream community center. Our Feast incurred \$25,456 in direct operating expense and an additional \$8,428 as our share in the Central Finance expenses. We bought music and other equipment totalling \$6,552. The bottom line is we ended the year being only **\$250** in the red as against budget of **-\$31,970**.

While in 2010 The Feast in the West witnessed firsthand the Lord's faithfulness and provisions through you, our brothers and sisters, in terms of sharing your talents, time and treasures, we believe that in 2011 we will receive more of these. With God's grace, we will continue with what we have initiated and build on our gains to make our Feast, our Community, spread the light of Christ to more of our friends, relatives, neighbours, co-workers even strangers who are looking for their life's meaning and purpose.

**Our Objectives and Action Plans for 2011**

**MAIN OBJECTIVE:** Nourish and build on the initial steps done in 2010 by making 2011 the year of GROWTH.

**KEY OBJECTIVES:**

- Sustain Spiritual growth by creating a burning desire among our members and leaders to be more actively involved in the life of the community and build up relationships among one another;
- Promote leadership growth and acceptance of leadership roles by equipping our current leaders and leaders in-training with skills that will help and give them confidence in the discharge of their responsibilities;
- Expand membership by sustaining and improving our evangelization efforts in the Feast, MDR, LLS, JE and by supporting programs and activities of the CG assemblies in locations covered by the Feast;
- Improve our fiscal resources to become financially self-sufficient and be able to support the larger community in general by making our members more aware and accepting of their role to financially support the community through teachings and personal testimonies and conducting fund raising projects.

**ACTION PLANS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH:**

- Promote and remind CG Heads to make full use of the CG Teaching Manual developed and given in 2010; Update said Manual as needed;
- Conduct regular visitations of CG meetings by Feast Builder, Discipleship Builder and LOJC Branch Builder to: a) Strengthen bonds with members; b) Assess the effectiveness and applicability of the teachings given in the CG meeting; c) Get information on spiritual needs of the members and d) Gather feedback about the conduct of the Feasts and about the community;
- **Inspire and campaign for consistent, regular and active attendance and participation of CG members in the Feasts;**
- Encourage and promote more joint or inter-CG meetings / fun activities;
- Conduct Class 300 in February, 2011;
- **Place all CG members in at least one service ministry;**
- **Encourage CG and Ministry Heads to mentor potential leaders in their group;**
- Put in place a system where potential leaders are given the chance to demonstrate their spiritual maturity, growth and capabilities;
- Create new CG's as needed;
- PWM Ministry to conduct music retreats for all interested members;

*MAIN MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE: Discipleship Builder and LOJC Branch Builder with CG Heads; Events Mgt Builder for music retreats.*

**ACTION PLANS FOR LEADERSHIP GROWTH:**

- Organize and run a Team Building exercise for current leaders in January, 2011;
- Conduct Caring Group Heads workshop;
- Provide training for CG Heads on How to give the teachings in the manual:
  1. Ensure that all current CG Heads have the manual;
  2. Identify CG Heads needing training / orientation;
  3. Evaluate training method to be used, whether by individual or by group;
  4. Run training;
  5. Monitor and offer further assistance to CG Heads, if necessary.
- Formulate seminar on Leadership Models and Approaches to develop "spiritual leadership" among members and leaders;
- Continue to review and evaluate effectiveness of training programs by conducting semi-annual surveys from among members;
- If necessary, send our leaders to bible study courses or trainings conducted by catholic organizations;
- Carry out regular CG and business meetings with CG heads to provide continuing pastoral guidance and to evaluate effectiveness of their respective CG meetings as to regularity and attendance.

*MAIN MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE: Feast Builder with Training and Formation ministries except for the last one which is under the Discipleship and LOJC Branch Builders.*

**ACTION PLANS FOR MEMBERSHIP GROWTH:**

- Conduct regular Feasts in the West as per 2011 schedule (22 times);
- Support and actively participate in all LOJC-wide activities;
- Conduct Class 100 in May, 2011
- Support and recruit candidates for MDR's in April and Oct, 2011;
- Run Jesus Encounter for the youth in August, 2011;
- Undertake two "Love Someone Today" workshops;
- Initiate a "How To Share Effectively" workshop;
- Coordinate and support plans and activities of CG Assemblies in Guelph, Burlington and other areas being served by the Feast;
- Elevate current Intercessory Ministry to a healing Ministry.

*MAIN MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE: Events Management Builder with Training and Formation Ministries.*

**ACTION PLANS FOR FINANCIAL GROWTH:**

- Continue to create a deeper awareness and understanding among our members on the benefit of financially supporting the community through regular tithes and love offerings;
- Institute a more creative and efficient way of collecting tithes and be consistent with it;
- Increase our membership base thru active engagement and evangelization efforts;
- Find and implement creative, appealing and exciting ways to raise funds to augment our revenue base;
- Regularly update members about the financial condition of the Feast.
- Manage Feast funds more efficiently and effectively by:
  1. Having a bank account of its own;
  2. Remitting to Central Finance a certain % of its total love offerings, tithes and other donations received as its share in the community-wide expenses; such % to be determined in consultation with the COE;
  3. Setting up and maintaining its own financial records, journals and books of accounts;
  4. Regularly submitting financial reports to Central Finance.

*MAIN MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE: Feast Builder with Finance Ministry.*

**Our Financial Budget for 2011 looks like this:**

Description	Amount
Total tithes, love offerings, & donations	\$ 44,442.00
Less: Direct operating expense	\$ 31,690.00
Less: Central Finance expense	\$ 11,050.00
Balance end of 2011	\$ 202.00

These are our plans and budget for 2011, brothers and sisters. Your Feast Builder and Feast Council spent a lot of time in prayer and reflection, trying to listen to what the Holy Spirit was saying to us. We believe to the best of our ability that these are our marching orders from Him for 2011. We are sharing these to you because you have a part to play in them, if they are to be accomplished for the glory of God. We ask you to read and reflect on them and as you do, ask the