

# GEN 3

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In the school of

**FIRE**

# Bakit gusto kong maging

# Gen 3!

Noong August 27-28, 2011 ay nagkaroon ng Gen 3 overnight. Ngunit conflict eto sa practice namin sa drum and lyre sa school, at ang hindi raw makapunta ay tatanggalin na sa band. Ang "little voice" sa puso ko ay nagsasabi na pumunta ako sa Gen 3 meeting. Talagang hindi madaling mag decide. Binahagi ko ito kay ate Susan at mas lalo kong naunawaan na mas importante sa akin ang Gen 3 at ito rin ang will ni Jesus para sa akin. At napakasaya ko sa meeting!

Melanie Pepito  
(12 yrs old, Las Pinas)



First time kong dumalo ng Gen 3 meeting, in-invite ako ng friend ko na si Julianne. Sobra akong natuwa kasi dito ay naramdaman ko na kahit bago lang ako ay welcome ako ng lahat. Ang dami kong natutunan sa overnight namin, tulad ng ang magmahal kahit mahirap gawin. Noong una ay nahihiya pa ako pero ang pag sali sa lahat ng ginagawa ng iba ay pagmamahal din pala iyon.

I love being a Gen 3! I tried to live the Gen 3 life wherever I am.

In school, I have a classmate who has difficulty in Mathematics. I want to love Jesus in her, so after school I asked her if she wants to study Math together with me!

One time, I had misunderstanding with another girl. Being a Gen, I have to be the first to love. So I approached her and asked sorry. Since then, we became so close!

Michelle Ann Reyes  
(11 yrs old, Las Pinas)



Dito ay mas lalo ko ring nakilala si Jesus at ang kanyang kagustuhan na kadalasan ay sinasabi niya sa maliit na boses na nasa ating puso at nagsasabing palagi tayong magmahal.

Mary Claire B. Almario  
(10 yrs old, Pasay)



# Throw the anchor

## on the right side!

Treasure Chest



Many times we are caught up in everyday activities and we don't always manage to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit who is trying to tell us what is God's will for us in that moment. How can we throw our anchor on the right side - together with the "Springwill" Anchor, which is underwater and holds us down in the extraordinary depths of union with God. Chiara gives us the answer when she responds to a Gen 3 in Loppiano.



**Many times I find it hard to understand God's will because I have to choose among various things. Even though I'm trying to live the present moment, it's hard to choose. What would you do?**

This is the same problem we focolarine had when we were your age. We were living the present moment, which is the only thing we had, and many times we didn't understand what was the best thing to do. And so every time we would make a pact with Jesus and tell him: "I am going to throw myself on this side. If it's not the right thing to do, throw me back on the other side."

By doing this, we gradually understood,

moment by moment, what the will of God really was for us.

We listened to that inner voice, which everyone has, and we understood his will. And so throw yourself on one side or the other, as long as it's not something bad. If it's something good, or if it's something neither bad nor good, just indifferent, then throw yourself on one side and tell Jesus, like we did: "If I'm going the wrong way, throw me to the other side."

The Lord is not complicated, he's very simple and direct with us!

Chiara



3 Gen

There was no doubt that Pope John Paul II loved young people. We realized that even better on the morning of June 2, 1992 when a group of us, Gen 3, met him at the Vatican.

In view of the Supercongress that would have been held only 10 days later, the Pope had invited us to meet him so that he could record a message for the Gen 3 and the Young for Unity from all over the world. We were so excited when we went through the huge doors of the Vatican, up the stairs and through all the checkpoints to finally reach a beautiful hall, where we sat down on the carpet and started to rehearse what we would say.



## John Paul II and us

Then a Bishop announced, "The Holy Father has left his apartment and is on his way to meet you!" We started to sing the Supercongress theme song with all our hearts as cameras began flashing, and John Paul II entered the room. We immediately felt he was one of us!

During the whole meeting, he was like a Gen 3! He answered our ques-

tions and clarified any doubts we had, and also told us about his trips, his thoughts and what it was like when he was growing up. He also spoke about the new evangelization and the path towards a united world.

He encouraged us to continue with courage in living for a more united world, using all the talents we have as young people.

Nineteen years have passed since that meeting and now John Paul II has been beatified. On May 1, 2011, many of us were in St. Peter's Square and experienced the same excitement when a huge curtain was removed, revealing the photo of John Paul II exactly as we saw him when we were Gen 3. What a great friend and guide we have in heaven!



A month ago, my family left for Canada. My brothers were going off to college and my parents went along to drop them off. I was home alone for two weeks. I would always try to keep myself busy since the house was really quiet.

Normally, the Sulyap football club is initiated by my older brothers. But now that they were gone, one of the volunteers invited me to play football with the boys of Sulyap. I had exams the next week and I felt really lazy. It was also a Sunday morning. *Nakakawalang gana*. But I remember a saying one of my friends told me. If you don't know what the will of God is when it comes to choosing, choose the one you don't want to do. So I decided to go. I took the time to love them by playing football with the Sulyap Football Club. While I was there, I experienced the reciprocal love.

They welcomed me, asked how I was, and served me lunch! When I arrived home, I felt really happy with myself and what I chose to do.

Corin de Guzman



I was struck with the answer of Blessed Chiara Luce when asked if she speaks about God to her friends. She replied: "I should not speak about God, rather, I have to give Him to them." And she continued "by the way I listen to them, by the way I dress up and above all, by the way I love them."

Our school celebrated the First Friday Mass. Unfortunately, because our class had to fix some things in the classroom, we were late for song rehearsals and that would only mean that we would stay on the second floor where we could still see the gym where the Mass was celebrated. It was very hot where we were and I saw everyone sweating, in need of air. Like Chiara Luce, I want to give Jesus to them; I want to love them in a concrete way. I decided to fan everyone who was not reached by the electric fan. At a certain point, even the electric fan did not function and so I extended fanning up to the last person in the class for about two hours. It was difficult for my classmates to concentrate and to keep silent during the Mass. I also encouraged them to participate well, whispering to those who were talking. Maybe because I have loved them first that they also listened to me! Truly, we let others meet Jesus through our acts of love.

Gio Francisco



# Gen 3 of Cebu: *responding*

Ciao Emmaus!

A big hug from your 109 gen3 in the zone of Cebu from the islands of Panay, Leyte, Negros, Mindanao and Cebu!

We have just finished our gen3 congress and we started with a big Jesus in the Midst by sharing our experiences on how each one of us did our part to make this congress possible: by trying to raise funds and most of all to live intensely the art of loving.

It started with the video of Chiara that explains who are we gen3 and our characteristic being a generation of saints. We felt her presence challenging us to live fully our gen life. And we are convinced to become a saint seeing Chiara Luce at her young age and she was able to make it!

Then the workshop of Life, Light and Love based on the life of Chiara Luce made us understood more to live the colors concretely as a gen. We made many proposals how to live this Ideal in school and in the place where we are. We felt that Chiara challenges us to animate the Young Ones for Unity!

On the second day, we felt that the presence of Jesus in the midst has grown. Everyone was so happy loving concretely with a big smile. And we started with a game which has prepared us to listen to the theme about the Will of God that Chiara made for us and this was given by Ding with her experiences that made us understand more how to live it. We really felt the greatness of the love of God for each one of us that we have to reciprocate him back by doing His will in each present moment.

But then we need the brother since we are together in this beautiful journey towards sanctity. Emmaus, this is the most favorite moment in the congress, you know what? It's the **moment of truth!** At first we were afraid but then when it was explained how this instrument could help us mature as a gen and our fear turned to excitement. During the purgatory moment, each gen tried really to love that we felt it was Jesus who was correcting us. And the time of the paradise moment, it was such a moment of joy!

Another interesting topic was about adolescence... it was amazing!



# ing to God's love!

We understood more how to handle these changes in our stage and we felt the need to be helped: by being courageous in opening up to our mom and our gen assistants.

Then we watched a collage video of Chiara answering all the doubts and difficulties of the gen from in different super congresses. All our doubts too were answered.

Finally on the last day, we meet you again... through the video of the 2008 - gen congress in Rome. How beautiful is your story on how you meet the ideal! Thanks also for your love to us gen3 when you said you want to help us to be authentic gen. Yes Emmaus! We really want to help you bring this ideal to many youngsters by being another Jesus, by loving and trying to live the Word so that the radius of Jesus in the Midst becomes wider and Chiara from heaven will be smiling at us always!

Before our congress ended Chiara gave us the secret key, Jesus Forsaken: And with great joy we chose Him as our best friend.

Emmaus, we love you!

*From Chiara's 109 Hearts*



Rocca di Papa, June 16, 2011

Dearest gen 3 girls!

The e-mail with the beautiful photos of your two Congresses gave me joy. In there I saw authentic children of Chiara who wants to live her Ideal with the radicalism and maturity of someone who truly loves Jesus.

Go ahead in this way, without ever turning back. I assure you that it is worth it!

And you will see: Jesus in your midst will attract and lead many other girls towards His way where, as you know, there is real happiness.

Ciao, gen 3! I am counting on you. I too love you very much.

Emmaus



# operation Riiing!!

## PART THREE

You probably all know that Chiara wrote a **“DECALOGUE”** for us, like the Ten Commandments for youth. It helps us to go to school carrying the Ideal and not just our books! Let's take the first two points and see how the Gen 3 from various zones worked together to explain them in their own words. The Gen 3 then added their own experiences as a way to help one another and make themselves one with Gen from other countries. All this will help us to live our Gen life more fully at school.

Students should thirst for wisdom more than for knowledge. They know that the “truth” can be found in Christ who said, “I am the Truth.”

**WISDOM** is the gift from the Holy Spirit that helps us to see every minute of our life “with God’s eyes,” and not let ourselves be influenced by the events and sufferings of this world.

It’s a grace that raises our human reasoning to something greater, something that will not die, but which is eternal, incorruptible and unchangeable.

**Wisdom helps us to discern the truth in everyday occurrences - and the truth is Christ.**

But wisdom isn’t just a flash of understanding that lasts only a moment and then goes away. It’s the goal of every Christian student who is in love with the truth.

**Wisdom** is a step above knowledge, which it uses as a launching pad to reach God.

**KNOWLEDGE** encompasses everything in the world around us that we can perceive with our senses, sometimes in a confused way. Wisdom helps us to find the crystal-clear “truth” underlying all of the concrete realities we are discovering everyday in the subjects we study at school, in which the truth is sometimes disguised or mutilated.

Everyone looks for truth and once it’s found, no one can deny it. Even our classmates who say they don’t believe in God are sensitive to values like peace, freedom, and joy, which are part of “truth,” but they don’t realize it. As Christians we find these values in God, while our friends who are nonbelievers don’t know the true source.

That’s why we Gen 3 – more than others – have the responsibility to **ask the Holy Spirit, our protector, for the gift of the Wisdom**, so that we can always discern the truth in every culture, philosophy or ideology, and also have the courage to always choose and defend the truth.

FROM THE GEN 3 OF TURIN:



## Lucky me!

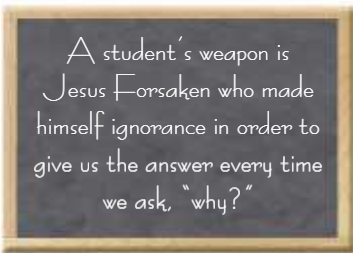
For about a week, I was constantly arguing with my parents! It seemed like our house was a battlefield, because we were taking shots at each other over every single thing, and in particular, my grades at school. I'm one of those kids who studies just enough to get by. I like to go out and have fun every day after school, while my parents want me to do my homework. Finally my parents grounded me. Since I had no other choice, I opened up my books and I actually learned something!

About that time, a friend told me that his parents were always out of the house, so he could easily play on the computer, watch TV and never do any homework.

"Lucky you!" I told him.

That same day, our teacher gives us a pop quiz. I passed while my friend failed miserably. On my way home, I started thinking and I understood that my parents didn't want to punish me, but rather encourage me to study. What they tell me might seem ridiculous at the time, but now I realize that often it's something that will benefit me in the future. When I got home my mom was in the kitchen getting our dinner ready. I gave her a big hug, and right away we started talking. It was my way to say, "Thank you!"

Luca from Italy



## Even before studies

My dad doesn't live with us and my mom sells small things at the local market to support us. Since I was little, I learned to work to make a living. Until two years ago, my tuition was paid for by a donation, but when that finished, I had to go live with my brother who helped pay for me. However, I soon realized that he had become part of a sect, and he wouldn't let me go to catechism classes in preparation for my confirmation. One day he asked me to choose – he would pay my tuition only if I entered the sect he was part of. I was totally shocked! Was this my *brother* speaking?! I tried to keep on loving him, but nothing changed and the moment came when he stopped paying for my school. So I went back to live with my mom, and dropped out of school. A few days later, one of the gen invited me to a Gen school. I hadn't been to a Gen meeting in at least two years and when I heard about Chiara Luce and how much she had suffered, I got the courage to love Jesus Forsaken in not being able to attend school. I asked Chiara to help me do the will of God always, like they did, without being concerned about anything else.



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Chizoba Ede from Nigeria

FROM THE GEN FROM LITHUANIA AND MILAN:

Even when we're at school we can entrust ourselves to **JESUS FORSAKEN** who made himself human like us, and took upon himself all our questions. Because he is God, he has the answers to all our "whys." Jesus came down to our level and understands our doubts and our difficulties.

We have to take advantage of every chance God gives and always recognize Jesus Forsaken in our neighbors and in their difficulties.

**WEAPON:** Chiara uses this word that usually has a negative connotation to describe a real revolution, a revolution of love! And to start a revolution we need artillery!! Jesus Forsaken is the best weapon we could ever have for our revolution!

July 2011 is a memorable month for some of us, Gen 3 boys of Manila! Seven of us had the opportunity to participate the international Gen 3 school held in Loppiano, Italy for two weeks!

There, we learn more about our Gen 3 life. We also talked about topics that are sensitive to our age. With Jesus in the midst, we understood them in a new way.

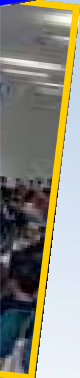
Aside from the beautiful moments of sharing with our assistants, the unity we built among us is a remarkable experience in our life! It was built with the things we normally do like playing together but with Jesus in the midst, they make us experience God among us!

Every night, before going to sleep, we would play. Some would play basketball, others would play table tennis. Well, guess what the seven Filipinos are playing? HIDE and SEEK! Yes, it's true! And we wouldn't only play once but a lot of times.



# Loppiano: gen 3 school of

# FIRE



During our last night, we just played a couple of rounds and suddenly, one of us was crying and would like to take a walk. His dad is working in Italy and he did not see him for many years until the Gen school. Now, it was almost time to leave and he misses his dad a lot. We dropped everything at once without second thought, took our jackets and joined him in walking. We listened to him and comforted him.

All of us felt to go towards the Church instead of going to the basketball court. It was dark, and walking from our sleeping quarters going to the church would take us more or less 15 minutes. Since the church was closed, we decided to sit down, form a circle and be united in prayer. It was an experience of strong unity beyond words that marked our life forever! We understood true friendship is built with Jesus among us! Where can we find friends who would dropped everything off late in the evening and be united in Jesus? Only with the gen that we experience that readiness to give one's life for the other.

We are full of fire and we want to give this life to many others!

Gio Francisco—Gen 3 Manila

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# TEENS

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Masayang-masaya akong “mag bigay ng kulay sa ating siyudad” sa pamamagitan ng pagdala ng pag-ibig sa mga madilim na sulok ng ating

lipunan.

Sa School, nagkaroon kami ng Community Service assignment sa Values Education class at napili akong leader ng grupo. Naisip ko kaagad na ibahagi sa aking ka grupo ang mga gawain ng Young Ones for Unity. Naisip ko na i-suggest sa kanila na mag punta kami sa home for old people at dalhin namin ang pag-ibig sa mga lola doon. Kinailangan naming pag-hirapan ang aming mga gagastusin sa project na eto. Kaya't namulot kami ng mga papel, lata, plastic, bote at eto ay aming ibinenta.

Napakasaya naming ginawa eto at lalong-lalo naging masaya ang mga lola na aming binigyan ng pag-kain, mga sayaw, bulaklak at rosary. Nabigla kami na sila rin ay naghanda ng rosary para sa amin. Nilinis din namin ang paligid ng kanilang bahay.

Dahil sa kakaiba ang aming mga ginawa, napili ang aming project na maging una sa lahat! Iba talaga ang nagagawa ng pag-ibig!

Allyza Carreon-Manila