

CATHOLYST

"HUH? WHAT?
SURE OR NOT?"

I have always been intrigued by good writing, so when I received the EDM with 'CATHOLYST' boldly emblazoned across the top, I thought to myself, "Wow! Our church is getting in touch with us and speaking some 'lingo' here." I was intrigued with how they turned a scientific word around into something potentially so powerful -- **and my curiosity was piqued.**

So, on a Saturday morning in July, I booted up my laptop and logged onto Zoom to find 148 people gathered eagerly to find out what it means to become a 'CATHOLYST'. An energising 20-minute P&W session helped me to 'get in the zone' as I serve in a music ministry that evangelises through music.

"I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." – Exodus 3:3

By the time Fr. Terence Pereira, the Episcopal Vicar for the New Evangelisation, opened the conference, more than 200 participants were being told about 'The Curious Phenomenon of the New Evangelisation'. Fr. T (as he is fondly known) speaks about how it is now the time for us to sharpen our tools and reach out to others. Just like Moses, who was curious about the burning bush, how can we, as Catholics living in this time, accompany others and help curious non-believers discover Jesus.

**HOW READY ARE WE
TO SHARE WITH
OTHERS HOW GOD
WORKS IN OUR LIVES?**

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He shares about how nearly 100 parishioners from St Michael's took courage in this time of lockdown and reached out to 7,000 others in the area. He encourages us to ask ourselves, "What can I do to ignite my faith? How can I set others ablaze?" Especially for those of us who have encountered Jesus, how can we bring someone else and introduce them to "meet the Lord that I believe in"? How do we satisfy the curiosity in our hearts and, like Sts Lawrence, Agatha, Perpetua and the martyrs before us, "love Jesus crazily" so that others become curious about US! Finally, he exhorts us to just, "Say 'YES!'" and that "Evangelisation first begins with you sharing with somebody how God loves you. And why you love God."