2009-10 BSP#1 Group Time Discussion

L –Low, M – Medium, and H – High, indicate the difficulty of a question. Group leaders should select questions that are challenging to their groups but not so difficult that their group members cannot answer.

- (A) "He Opened to Us the Scriptures" Questions for scriptural reading and discussion (Time available: 10 minutes. Do at least 2 questions.) 祂給我們講解了聖經 爲讀經及共同討論的問題(用十分鐘時間,至少討論 2 個問題)
 - 1. [L] According to the text, why does Pharaoh grow so afraid of the Israelites? 依照經文看,法老爲什麼那麼怕以色列人?
 - 2. [M] Pharaoh takes three major steps in dealing with the growing population of the Hebrews. What are they, and how do the Israelites react to each? 法老決定用三個步驟來處理希伯來人的人口增加。是那三個步驟? 以色列人如何應對每一步?
 - 3. [H] The Levite woman who conceived and bore Moses (Ex. 2:1-2) is identified as Jochebed in Ex. 6:20. A number of women in the O.T. are generally seen as women who prefigured Mary because they resembled her in many ways. Name three special ways that Jochebed resembled Mary, making her one of these O.T. figures whose appearances prepared the coming of the Mother of our Lord. 懷孕生下梅瑟的那位肋未家族的婦女名叫 Jochebed 約革貝得。舊約中有數位婦女被認爲是瑪利亞的預像。請說出三項她與瑪利亞相似處,並因之使她成爲舊約中數位預告天主之母來臨的女人之一。
- (B) "Did Not Our Hearts Burn?" Question for meditation, prayer, and application. (Suggested time: 15 minutes) "我們的心不是火熱的嗎?" (為默想,祈禱,實踐"的題目(建議用十五分鐘)

Despite seemingly impossible circumstances during his infancy, not only is Moses' life saved as Pharaoh seeks to kill all Hebrew male children, but God even orchestrates the situation so that Moses' own mother is able to care for him. This should not surprise us, knowing that God desires to care for His children as a loving Father. 即使嬰兒梅瑟處於看來完全不可能生存的情況下,法老要殺盡所有希伯來人的男嬰,天主不單保守梅瑟的性命無虞,甚至指揮着讓梅瑟的生母照顧他。若明白天主願意如慈父那樣照顧祂的兒女,這應該不是出於我們預料之外的。

Recall a time in your life when God led you through some circumstance that may have seemed impossible at the time. What can you learn from your experience and God's protection of Moses during his infancy? How does it help to strengthen your faith? 請回想自己生命中,在當時看來"不可能"的情況下,天主却帶領你過了關的情形。由你的經驗及天主保護嬰兒梅瑟的記載,你學到了什麼?這如何能堅強你的信仰?