

God always finds a way to unite His people even to the most unexpected places.

The hottest days of mid-summer had come to an end soon after September.

How was your summer vacation? I hope you had a wonderful time with your family. During summertime, when the ground dried up so easily, but the weeds grow more in vigor than the flowers even without the rain. I go the church once or twice a week to plant flowers, showering the plants with plenty of water, and pulling weeds. I like this kind of routine. While doing it, I could hear the echo of voices of children and adults happily swimming in the indoor pool of B&G Funagata Marine Foundation Center near the church.

One time this summer, a couple went refreshing themselves in the pool. From a few distance, they had viewed the church and approaches it to have a clearer insight and wanted to make more further enquires. Nobody was there, instead they found the list of emergency telephone numbers posted at the entrance of the church. It was me to whom they decided to call.

As I requested them, Mr. and Mrs. Furose started to come to the church and had decided themselves to have a further study to the revelations of what' s all about being a catholic. For the first time, there was an orientation with Fr. Waluyo, SS.CC and on October 2nd Mr. and Mrs Furose, together with other members of the church who wanted to know more about the religion, through the teaching of Sister Wasa Uchihara, the study had begun.

As Mr. Masanori Furose come across of the Shinjo Catholic Church, there was something especial he could remember, an unforgettable experience of encountering a very important someone in the Catholic Church, that he met during his younger days long ago. I praise the Lord for giving us the opportunity of the unexpected encounter!

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