



Newsletter – August 2019

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Our Buying Habits

Case 1

It was about 5.30pm. I alighted from the bus and walked towards my house. When I reached my floor, I got out of the lift and headed for my flat. It's the same scene each time I open my main gate. There are only four adults, me, my wife and two daughters residing in the flat. Yet, there are at least a total of twelve pairs of men's shoes and slippers and women's footwear too. I sighed and took off my shoes. I dumped them with the rest on the floor and opened my main door.

Case 2

You would have noticed a new phenomenal development in the last few years. There are now a variety of food supply vendors using all means to supply their food within a window period of half an hour from the time an order is taken. Those with IT savvy skills tend to order food using their handphones. After a hard day's work or returning home late after work, consumers do not wish to go out for dinner. You can order practically any type of meal since even food courts, coffee shops and hawker centres have linked their sales with food delivery agencies like Deliveroo, Food Panda, Grab food, etc.

Case 3

Similarly, there are Grab and Go Jek Taxi services available in Singapore. Their booking services are easily accessible via handphones. A member, who fetches regular passengers on his way to work and on his return trip, said it is very common for young people to ferry by Grab or Go Jek Taxi services frequently.

Department of Statistics, Singapore

The estimated total retail sales value in June 2019 was about \$3.5 billion. Of these, online retail sales made up an estimated 5.5%. However, retail sales (excluding food and beverage) decreased by 8.9% in June 2019 compared to June 2018. Sales of food and beverage services grew by 5.3% in June 2019 as compared to June 2018.

Seeing Our Reality

1. Who are the key participants of the Great Singapore Sale (GSS)?
2. Why are they attracted to GSS and other promotional sales?
3. Why is there GSS every year?
4. Is there a need for Delivery Services like Grab Food, Deliveroo, etc?
5. How did our predecessors manage without such Delivery Services?

Our Personal Reflection

1. How do I feel and think about the above situations in Singapore?
2. What do I learn about the above situations?

Our Christian Reflection

1. What does The Gospel, The Social Teachings, The Encyclicals and the Catechism of the Catholic Church tell us in the above situations?
2. What is the message of Christ in the above situations?

Our Action/Responses

1. Based on our personal and Christian reflections, what can I/We do as a:
 - a. CFSM base group member?
 - b. CFSM Movement member?
 - c. parishioner in our parish and society?
 - d. family member in my family?
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CFSM Formation Session

Date: Saturday 2 November 2019
Venue: St Cornelius Room, CTIS, St Francis Xavier
Major Seminary (beside Church of St Joseph (Upper Bukit Timah Road))
Time: 2pm to 5pm.
Speaker: Father Bruno (SD of CFSM Singapore)
Theme: Gn 1-3. Do I use the person I encounter as a slave or do I welcome the gift of the other person?