



Father Colin Tan's Advent gift to poor

SINGAPORE – Photo shows Jesuit Father Colin Tan getting ready for a 21.1 km run on Dec 3. By participating, he raised S\$5,227 for charity. This is what he says of the run:

“When I first signed up for the Dec 3 StanChart Marathon run, I was filled with anxiety about whether I had bitten more than I could chew. I was afraid that I might not finish

the half marathon (21.1 km) as I had never ran that distance before.

“I had to convince myself that I could do it. One way that I could motivate myself was to run for a charitable cause and so I decided that I was going to donate the sponsorship money to Catholic Social and Community Council to help the poor and needy.

“I was glad that I had set myself a goal and to remind myself that I was not just running for my own glory. It was also to transcend my own selfish needs and to think of others who have less than myself. At least I wanted to let them know that they are not forgotten.

“Since I do not have any personal wealth, the least I could share with them for Advent is the gift of running and health and not to take them for granted.

“During the run, I said prayers of gratitude for the gift of life and reminded myself that I was running for God’s glory and for the well being of others. In short, I wanted to be able to give of myself during this Advent more than to simply receive.”

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