

## Joy in Completeness

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Last 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2009, a humid Saturday afternoon – the expressions “I do” were uttered by Jay-jay (son of Brother Lloyd & Sister Zeny Garcia) and Sheena Socorro as they accepted their new roles as husband and wife at the Jordan Farm in Tigbe, Bulacan.



The rite officiated by Rev. Mark Dantes, is in line with his privilege to solemnize marriage as per new certificate of authority issued to him by the Civil Registrar General of the National Statistics Office dated February 08, 2008. The said entitlement moreover upholds the condition that at least *one* of the contracting parties in marriage must belong to the religious sect of the former, as opposed to the previous ruling that *both* parties must be active members of the same sect.

“Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me”, David proclaimed to the Lord in Psalm 51:12. This was the same gesture made by Jay and Sheena prior to their wedding day. Truly, God’s mercy and forgiveness were overflowing, as the church alongside Pastor Dantes, extended their love, understanding and support to the couple.

At the end of the day, they gave gratitude to our God, as this celebration marked the start of something new for Jay and Sheena bound as one in love.

