

Choral concert raises funds

St Joseph's Institution (SJI) hosted a choral concert on March 26 to raise funds for earthquake and tsunami victims in Japan.

The event, titled *Ubi Caritas Et Amor, Deus Ibi Est – Where Charity And Love Are, God Is There*, featured choirs from various schools and was held at the Beurel, the school library.

A crowd of approximately 260 turned up for the event with each person donating a minimum sum of \$10 for admission. All donations went to Mercy Relief.

The concert featured choirs under choral director Toh Ban Sheng's batonship – St Joseph's Institution Vocal Ensemble, Dunman Secondary School Choir, Catholic Junior College Choir, Raffles Chorale, Raffles Voices and Raffles Voices Alumni.

Franciscan Friar Michael D'Cruz led the opening prayer in which three people involved in the concert lighted three candles which represented the victims, the mourners and those offering aid.

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The St Joseph's Institution Vocal Ensemble performing in the *Ubi Caritas Et Amor, Deus Ibi Est* concert.

community comes together," said Sebastian Timbul, an SJI choir member.

Ms Adeline Tan, the teacher in charge of the SJI Vocal Ensemble said, "More than an experience, it is also a learning point for our students that the practice of the arts holds much deeper meaning. It is ultimately an expression of humanity; that our talents are to be shared, to reach out to others and to bind people together." □

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