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Vic Lorenzo, far right, head of the Chapter Heads Council, listens intently as the mission heads of the Manila Chapters present their mission programs during their recent breakfast meeting at the Beverly Hills Deli.

Interviews:

MANNY BANIGAN: A TIME FOR ACTION

Reflecting a good steward's resolve, Manny Banigan, the first president of the Brotherhood's newly created National Council, has made his personal vision about his job as close to the BCBP's communal vision as possible.

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JOEY ESTAGLE: NEW CHAPTER HEAD

Joey Estagle has barely "warmed the seat" of his new stewardship post as the new Las Pinas Chapter Head but he is already pushing the chapter towards the implementation of BCBP plans and programs. Through his guidance, the various units and action

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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The BCBP's Annual Report and Financial statements are reprinted "en toto" in this issue of the KAPATIRAN on page 2-20.

The Year of the Harvest

Fr. Herb Schneider
Overall Coordinator/Spiritual Director

By God's grace we have completed our first decade as a group of men and women seeking to participate actively in establishing God's Kingdom in the socioeconomic milieu which constitutes our workplace. The year 1991 has not been an easy one for us, as it was for the whole nation, but viewed with the eyes of faith, we are able to discern God's guiding hand in every turn of event therein.

We are especially grateful for the purging events of 1991 which seem to have been allowed by God in order to challenge us to try and go beyond the usual routines that we have become used to in the past ten years. Yes, there is so much more than can be done, and understanding the past may allow us to chart

our course evenly for the next decade of our Mission and Brotherhood.

First, let us thank the Lord for the many blessings and the growth he has allowed us to enjoy and witness in 1991. Then, with humility, let us accept the guidance He will give us in addressing areas in our life as an organization that need strengthening or reorientation.

May our Lord accept the humble offering of our selves in this great work of establishing His Kingdom in our lives as well as in the various niches of His Marketplace!

God Bless us all.



"MEA CULPA"

Fernando de Larrazabal
BCBP Executive Director

Herewith is the BCBP's year-end report covering our financial performance for the period January to December, 1991.

As we take a look at our last year's performance, we cannot fail to take note of the significant accomplishments the Brotherhood has successfully launched during the year. We have organized a new Chapter in Cebu and have further spread our wings to two new outreaches in Cagayan de Oro and Iloilo City. Our membership has grown by 13% over the year 1990.

On the surface, these figures would indicate a cause for celebration. However, this picture fails to show a decrease of 22.48% in the membership - those who have left the Brotherhood for other pastures. This decrease is mostly composed of old members. Thanks to our new recruits, we have been able to keep a marginal growth. The question starting at us is, "Why?" What is driving our members to quit the Brotherhood? What could be the cause? Who must assume responsibility for this tragic situation? Finally, what changes are needed to prevent this problem from recurring? The leadership must find ways to prevent this blood-letting from continuing.

These desertions are the way by which these members have silently spoken. We have finally heard their message. Members don't quit without making their reasons known. The only logical explanation one can surmise is, the leaders were deaf and the members were ignored. Poor communication, or lack of it, can lower the morale of the members.

For an organization such as ours to succeed requires a continuing rapport between the leaders and their members. The leadership must put their ears to the ground and be open to new ideas coming from their members. The membership must be confident that they will be heard. The BCBP leadership is not a hierarchy whose members are there only to obey and perform. Only through team effort can the Brotherhood hope to accomplish the task the Lord has assigned to them.

We have coined this year's theme as "The Year of the Harvest". The harvest is rich but the laborers are few. The Brotherhood cannot afford to lose their laborers. Jesus need all of them.

FINANCES

Rolly Aberion
BCBP Treasurer

Thanks to our generous brothers and sisters, 1992 proved to be a very good year for the BCBP. Our total revenues continued to grow and have reached the 1.7 million level. This is an 11.5% growth from last year's collection. Aside from the tithes and donations which accounted for 63% of our sources of funds, the rest came from love offering during regular chapter formation and life support activities.

With regard to the uses of funds, our major expenses continued to be in training, seminars and conferences related to CLPs, BCMR, Chapter Assemblies, Chapter retreats and Teaching Programs which accounted for 44% of total expenses.

Furthermore, donations to CYA and Caritas-Manila for Mt. Pinatubo accounted for 32% of our expenses. The rest of our expenses, 24% were on professional fees, transportation, depreciation and salaries of employees.

Looking at the data we gathered in relation to membership composition, the Brotherhood grew in number in 1991 as new members entered the Brotherhood through the many CLPs we conducted during the year.

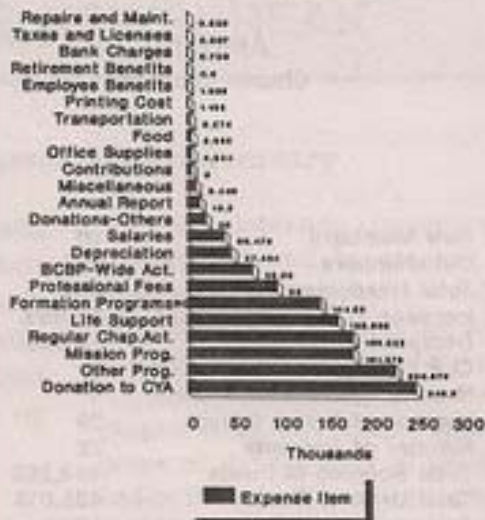
Our Total membership all over the country totaled 2,217 members. This already includes our outreaches in the provinces. In analyzing the membership data of oldtimers, the outreaches were not included for the data we had was not complete. Only the chapters were analyzed as far as oldtimers were concerned. Of the total membership, 542 were new CLP graduates or 24 percent while the rest or 1,117 were old members. Focusing on data on "oldtimers" (Those in the BCBP for more than 2 years as of the end of 1991) there was a decline in the number of old members for as of the end of 1990 our total membership, was 1441 compared to 1117 in 1991. The total percentage decline in "oldtimers" was 22.48 percent.

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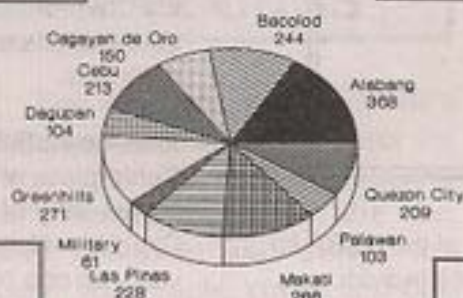
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Uses of Funds

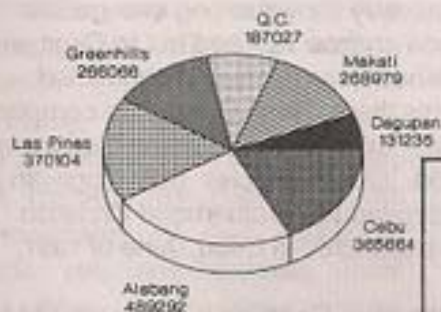


Data taken from Chapter Reports

Membership Distribution

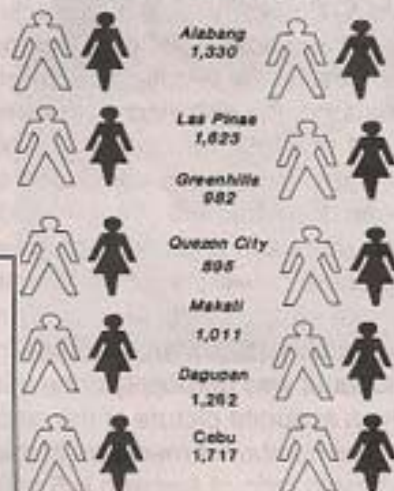


Summary of Tithes Per Chapter

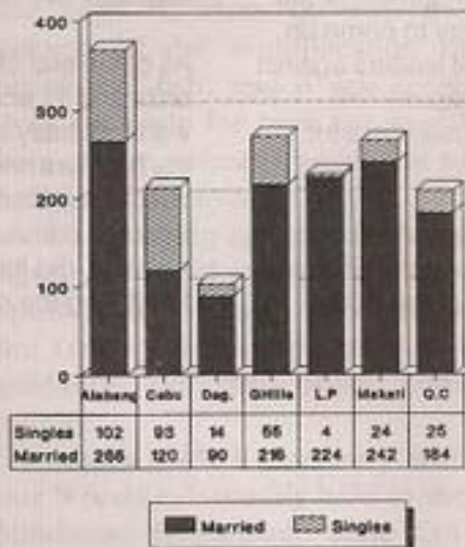


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Average Annual Tithe According to Active Membership



Chapter Composition Ratio of Singles to Married



Alabang Chapter Statistics

New Members	111
Old Members	257
Total Headcount	368
Increase in Total Headcount	38.35%
Decrease in "Oltimers"	-3.38%
CLP Conducted	2
Number of Units	4
Number of Action Groups	29
Number of Servants	72
Total Sources of Funds	489,292
Total Uses of Funds	425,018
Average Annual Tithe/Member	1,330
Chapter Head	Louie Morales

Alabang remains the biggest chapter of the BCBP in terms of membership with a total of 368 individual members. As a whole the chapter grew in number by 38.35 % during the year. Chapter membership is divided into old and new members. Old members are those who have been in the Brotherhood for more than two years. In Alabang, the oldtimers decreased by 3.38 Percent in 1991 or a total headcount loss of 9 members. The leadership structure is composed of 72 leaders. This is broken down into the chapter head, 7 service heads, 4 unit leaders and 29 action group leaders (The total headcount of leaders is taken on an individual basis, and not on a couple basis. An action group leader and his wife are considered two leaders. The treatment of the headcount was purposely done this way to come up with an accurate picture of the ratios of leaders against the total number of members in the chapter) The leadership ratio of Alabang is 5 active members for 1 leader.

The increase in membership in Alabang as well as the other Chapters reflects the opening up of the Christian Life Program (CLP) in all the chapters of the BCBP.

Hand in hand with the CLPs, Alabang also saw to it that the spiritual needs of its existing members and leaders are not taken for granted. They conducted a Brotherhood Christian Marriage Retreat (BCMR) at the Holy Spirit Retreat House in Tagaytay for married couples. A recollection was spearheaded by Fr. Gerry Tapiador for the chapter during the Holy week. On Christian leadership, two speakers training and two CLP leadership training programs were conducted in response to the two CLP programs conducted. Part of the Chapter activities was a regular program directed at young adults and another for the children of the members.

Mission Activities

Centerpiece of the activities of Alabang in 1991 was the formal entry of Cebu into the roster of full-fledged Chapters. Alabang has nurtured Cebu for the past three years as one of its outreaches in the south, strengthening its breakfast, conducting Christian Life programs and developing leaders for the outreach to become truly independent.

This early, Cebu already shows strong evangelistic leanings as the new chapter reached out to Cagayan de Oro. They established a breakfast and conducted Christian Programs there. Three CLPs were completed in Cagayan de Oro, bringing in 150 committed members to the Brotherhood. Eleven couples from Cagayan de Oro as a result attended the Brotherhood Christian Marriage Retreat conducted in Cebu, June of 1991.

As of the end of the year, Cagayan is composed of 3 units and 11 action groups. As if the Cagayan members were not busy enough with their BCBP activities, a lot of the brothers and sisters from this outreach even serve daily at the Xavier University daily mass as its choir. The Bacolod outreach, which is also under the headship of Alabang, did its share in evangelizing more people by facilitating the opening of the Iloilo outreach.

Social Action

As part of its civic involvement Alabang continues to support various programs at Smokey Mountain. Part of this program is a scholarship grant to some of the children of the community. Smokey Mountain is the garbage dumping area in Tondo Manila where Alabang together with Fr. Beltran undertake various civic projects. The members of the chapter got a hands-on experience in this activity with the holding of an Operation Ninong Program in December where couples from Alabang and their children sponsored a child for a day. Other projects of the chapter included a PROLIFE program, Children's sportsday and a Youth and Children's outing.

1992 Plans

Into 1992, the chapter plans to conduct two full Christian life programs which will take all the 13 weeks and one compressed program which will last for six weeks. A twelve week CLP program for the youth is also in the works.

Mission plans to conduct a BEST program for 16 plants of COCA-COLA in Calamba, Maasin and Ormoc.

Outreaches are also being planned for Legaspi/Naga and Davao. In terms of breakfast attendance improvement, programs are on-going to increase the average regular attendance of the breakfast from 55 to 75 and an increase in first timers to 4 per weekly breakfast.

On teachings, the chapter is looking into the development of a continuing spiritual curriculum for its members. A speakers pool and enabling facilities for Action Group Leaders and CLP Discussion Leaders will be launched in 1992.

Also noteworthy is a program which is being developed for the single and single married members of the chapter during the year.

Leadership training for all action groups will be conducted once a month by the chapter on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Two CETP programs are in the works.

The chapter is seriously looking at increasing significantly the leadership and evangelization training of its leaders. During the previous year, the number of leadership training programs conducted for the year only reached 4 while 1992 will see 12 leadership programs for action and unit leaders. Also two evangelization programs are scheduled compared to none in 1991.

Cebu Chapter Statistics

New Members	45
Old Members	168
Total Headcount	213
Increase in Total Headcount	17.68%
Decrease in 'Oldtimers'	-7.18%
CLP Conducted	1
Number of Units	3
Number of Action Groups	18
Number of Servants	53
Total Sources of Funds	365,664
Total Uses of Funds	333,940
Average Annual Tithe/Member	1,717
Chapter Head	Sadi Saguisag

March 22 of this year, the Cebu chapter was installed as a full fledged chapter after three years of being an outreach. The installation ceremonies was attended by Fr. Herb with Louie Morales, chapter head of the Alabang Chapter. A mass was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Parish Church in Cebu for the occasion. The following day, the chapter held its first joint breakfast with Fr. Herb as the sharer followed by a meeting with the representatives of the Cagayan de Oro, Bacolod and Cebu governance.

The chapter embarked on its own outreach during the year with the opening of a breakfast in Cagayan de Oro. The ladies breakfast followed in May. As of the end of 1991, the chapter has a total of 11 action groups. There is no significant drop in the number of oldtimers during the year. The Chapter only lost 7.18 percent of its old members.

A significant data however in 1991 was the large singles population of the Chapter. The figures show that the Chapter has more than 40 percent of its members classified as singles. The large singles population explains the numerous programs the chapter conducted aimed at the single men and women during the year.

The leadership base of Cebu is 53 leaders or a ratio of 4 members to 1 leader.

The chapter has two units with 36 action group leaders and 10 service heads.

A compressed CLP number 1 was held at Camp Evangelista in Cagayan de Oro in November. Of the 74 graduates, 17 are military officers.

Three survey trips were likewise made in response to the request of Basilio Calapre and Bishop Vicente Ataviado in Maasin, Southern Leyte. This will also be a BCBP assisted group with a monthly breakfast. The breakfast was scheduled to be opened in January 1992.

The chapter is also looking towards Tagbilaran, Bohol for the possibility of opening the area for an outreach.

This early the chapter sees the need to continually strengthen its leadership base. January saw the chapter sponsoring a retreat to reflect on the plans for the year at the University of San Carlos retreat house, at the Talamban campus. It was attended by the governance team and the action group leaders of Cebu. This was followed by a leaders formation at the USC retreat house in April, this time conducted by Fr. Frank Tucker. In November, a weekend retreat was conducted for the 35 single professionals of the chapter.

The men's breakfast has quite a large following with an average of 65 attendees during the year. There were on the average 4 first timers during each breakfast event. Majority of the sharers were from the Cebu, while 5 sharers came from Bacolod and 1 from Cagayan de Oro.

Active not only in their evangelization work, the members of the chapter even found time to fellowship with one another. They have a monthly mass-fellowship held on the last Sunday of the month. The mass is followed by an honoring and praying over session of birthday and wedding anniversary celebrants. Snacks and parlor games follow the celebration of the mass.

During the summer break, a well attended sport-family day was held in May and October. It included the CYA and all the members of the family. Ballgames as well as parlor games and running events contributed more to the fun of the affair.

A married couples fellowship was also held in October with the members putting their dancing shoes on in a ballroom dance affair.

A youth/student formation was conducted by CYA staffers in February. Terry Savage, Raffy Urgino and Tina Colayco conducted the crossroads program where 32 singles graduated.

The Cebu chapter has been greatly accepted in the community. Attesting to this is the formal recognition given by Cardinal Vidal during the joint breakfast held in November at the Casino Espanol de Cebu following the mini sharing of CYA staffer Cali Marabillas and Terry Savage.

The strength of the Chapter can be seen very clearly in the statistics they have provided on membership movement. As of January 1991 they had a total of 181 members and by the end of the year, with the additional members from the lone CLP of 33, their number increased to 213. Among the old timers only 1 member was considered inactive at the end of the year.

1992 Plans

The Chapter intends to continue its leaders formation activities with scheduled quarterly leaders retreats and family activities during the Lenten season.

Also the sharer-exchange with Bacolod, Cagayan de Oro, Iloilo and Puerto Princesa will be continued. Two CLPs are scheduled for 1992, 1 CYA supported crossroads, summer household, and summer camp for the young adults. Also a children formation is planned for the year.

The chapter plans to be very active in Mission with the strengthening of the Cagayan de Oro outreach with two CLPs and one BCMR.

A men's breakfast is to be established in June of 1992 in Tagbilaran Bohol, and a January opening of the breakfast in Maasin, Southern Leyte. Davao is being considered as a possible outreach while another breakfast is being planned in Bogo Cebu by July.

Dagupan Chapter Statistics

New Members	39
Old Members	65
Total Headcount	104
Increase in Total Headcount	42.47%
Decrease in "Oldtimers"	-10.96%
CLP Conducted	1
Number of Units	2
Number of Action Groups	10
Number of Servants	34
Total Sources of Funds	131,235
Total Uses of Funds	108,294
Average Annual Tithe/Member	1,262
Chapter Head	Berna Jimenez

Dagupan concentrated more on Chapter Life in 1991. They saw a need to improve the participation of the members in the chapter meeting thus instituted certain innovations. One such change was the celebration of the Holy Eucharist before the start of the chapter assembly. The new format improved participation to 64% of the members in attendance during the meetings.

The conduct of the action group meetings did not veer away from the normal BCBP format in 1991. They uniformly adopted the seven step method in all the action groups. What made the discussion really lively was the abundance of personal testimonies during the seven step method.

October of 1991, the chapter went to Baguio for a Chapter Lord's day. Simultaneous to this affair was a Brotherhood Christian Marriage Retreat (BCMR) for seven couples of the Chapter. Unknowingly, the night of the Lord's day was the same time that typhoon Trining would hit Baguio City in full force. The members nevertheless proceeded and prayed for protection as the winds and the rain ravaged outside the Bethany Retreat House. A total of 41 people attended this affair. The Chapter Retreat in Baguio was conducted with the help of Fr. Polinar. The talks centered on community building with special emphasis on love for God and love for one another.

In February, the chapter got together to celebrate their third anniversary as a chapter. The format was a dinner and fellowship, highlighted by a personal sharing by a member in a particular CLP batch of Dagupan. Leadership training program and evangelization training was conducted during the year for the spiritual formation of the leaders and to develop their skills on person to person evangelization. Dagupan registered the highest increase in membership by growing by 42.47% during the year. They now have a total of 104 members. Of the oldtimer population of 73 in 1990, 65 remained with the BCBP or a decline of 10.96%.

A direct beneficiary of BCBP support during the earthquake that devastated Dagupan, the chapter gave back to the community by initiating a Mt. Pinatubo Fund Drive. Members donated cash and some in kind. Their earthquake calamity fund was also donated to the victims of the Pinatubo disaster.

A lone CLP for the year produced 39 graduates out of the initial 43 that applied. The men's Luncheon at the Vicar Hotel and at Pinkies restaurant every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month is still ongoing.

Greenhills Chapter Statistics

New Members	115
Old Members	156
Total Headcount	271
Increase in Total Headcount	20.98%
Decrease in 'Oldtimers'	-30.36%
CLP Conducted	2
Number of Units	6
Number of Action Groups	26
Number of Servants	70
Total Sources of Funds	266,066
Total Uses of Funds	287,059
Average Annual Tithe/Member	982
Chapter Head	Mark Katipunan

The Greenhills Chapter was very active in workplace evangelization in 1991. They conducted Life in the Spirit Seminars for companies where chapter members have influence over rank and file employees. A total of 4 LSS programs were completed during the year.

These LSS programs were primarily aimed at bringing Christian values to the business milieu but eventually would act as the catalyst or springboard where other company officers would be invited into the Brotherhood.

Participation in the LSS programs met with considerable success, averaging 40 attendees for the 4 LSS given. Initially the Chapter funded the weekly meetings through the contributions of regular Chapter members. Eventually however continued support came from the pledges and donations of the graduates of these activities. The graduates of the LSS were formed into groups and meet weekly. Weekly activities of the LSS groups were patterned after the BCBP action group format. To ensure the continued growth of the graduates, a special group of six couples from the chapter was formed to sustain their spiritual growth. Overall coordination was given to the Mission Director of the chapter.

During the year, the chapter also conducted two Christian life programs with a total of 39 married couples and 7 single married as well as 30 singles completing the course. A Brotherhood Christian Marriage Retreat was also completed with 10 couples graduating.

1991 also saw a relatively high number of first timers attending the men's breakfast averaging 4 per breakfast. The attendance in the breakfast ranged from 50 to 60 people. A higher rate of attendance was noted when a CLP is ongoing. The ladies luncheon of the chapter probably due to the lesser frequency of occurrence averaged more first timers with 10. The total number of action groups in 1991 was 26. The chapter purged its membership roster during the year resulting into the putting in inactive status a total of 13 married couples, 5 married singles and 6 single men and women.

On leadership, Greenhills followed the trend in leader/member ratios with a total of 1 leader for every 4 active members.

Greenhills has a total leadership complement of 70 individuals. This is broken down into 5 service heads, 6 unit leaders and 52 action group leaders.

The number of oldtimers significantly declined by 30.36 percent. In 1990 the total of oldtimers were 224 while in 1991 the total remaining old members reached only 195.

1992 plans

The chapter intends to tap the teaching ministry in 1992 to strengthen spiritual formation of the membership. Special emphasis will be given to the graduates of CLP 16 and 17. Speakers from within the chapter have already been identified and developed to give talks on common and immediate concern of the members.

To put effectivity in place in relation to spiritual leadership, stress will be placed on the conduct of the one-on-one with the action group heads by the unit heads.

Bible sharing topics were compiled and suggested to the action group heads to assist them in conducting action group meetings. These were aimed at strengthening the action groups as a source of support for members towards their quest for a life of holiness.

Two Christian life programs and culture talks and 1 BCMR have been lined up. In support of an increased need for leaders in the opening up the two CLPs action groups have been assigned on a rotation basis to sponsor a breakfast by serving as greeters. Breakfast sponsorship by action group also hopes to expose members in first hand evangelization by being given an opportunity, in a coordinated manner, to invite first timers on a designated date. Likewise, talks on Christian service and evangelization are scheduled to equip members in their work for the Lord. Due to the continued success in the workplace LSS programs for rank and file employees, this activity will be continued again this year.

The chapter also sees a need to continue streamlining the organization. With a well defined organization it would be easier to identify potential leaders for CLP and other areas of service.

The chapter will also look into proper and balanced distribution of responsibility, service and financial support to make sure that leaders are not overloaded with too much work for the Chapter.

Las Pinas Chapter Statistics

New Members	59
Old Members	169
Total Headcount	228
Increase in Total Headcount	-16.79%
Decrease in "Oldtimers"	-38.32%
CLP Conducted	1
Number of Units	3
Number of Action Groups	18
Number of Servants	53
Total Sources of Funds	370,104
Total Uses of Funds	283,835
Average Annual Tithe/Member	1,623
Chapter Head	Manny Banigan

One of the most significant moves which the Chapter undertook in 1992 was its decision whether to maintain single members and try to develop a program for them or endorse them to another community.

Recognizing that they do not have a current and effective spiritual program for single people it was decided that it would be better to endorse them to other Christian communities that could take care of their spiritual needs. The development of a program for singles and the setting up of an effective team to lead them would take more time and as a result would be detrimental to the continued spiritual growth of this sector of the Chapter membership.

Hand-in-hand with this move was the parallel decision to limit participation in the CLP they conducted to married couples only.

As a result, by year-end, the chapter had a very minimal singles population. This move also accounts for the significant drop in oldtimer membership. As of the end of the year, the oldtimer population dropped by 38.32%. Translated in total headcount, this meant a total of 105 individuals.

In spite of its conducting a CLP the general membership of Las Pinas still decreased by 16.79 percent, this is composed of 112 couples and only 4 singles. The Las Pinas chapter has a total leadership base of 53 broken down into 8 service heads, four unit leaders and 36 action group leaders. The leadership/member ratio is 4.3 is to 1 leader.

If the singles population remained in the Chapter, the ratio of leaders to members would be a high 6.28 members to one leaders compared to the normal 4 is to 1 among the other chapters.

In the lone CLP conducted by Las Pinas, 59 were baptized and became committed members of the BCBP. Refocusing its energy towards the married members the chapter took a deeper concern for their spiritual growth putting a lot of effort into the successful conduct of the BCMR which was held in Tagaytay in December and a retreat for the chapter members in November.

Working with the staff of the Institute for Pastoral Development, a leadership training program was put onstream on a weekly basis for the unit leaders, the current action group leaders and discussion group leaders of the CLP.

During the Holy Week celebration a Seder Meal Celebration was conducted with 70% of the membership in attendance. This activity brought new meaning to the Holy week celebration for the members and their families.

The chapter also extended its helping hand to the community by initiating a fund raising activity was conducted among the members to help the victims of the Mt. Pinatubo disaster.

The action group meetings continue to be well attended with 75% in attendance. It was noted that the improvement in attendance in action group meetings was a result of the standardization of the topics discussed during the meetings among all the action groups of the chapter.

The chapter meeting attendance is at 50%. The chapter sees a need to encourage the use of the gifts during the chapter gatherings. Members attendance in the First Friday Mass continues to be low with only 22 to 33%.

On its evangelization efforts the Palawan outreach of the chapter continues to grow, and as of the end of the year, membership stood at 101.

Makati Chapter Statistics

New Members	88
Old Members	178
Total Headcount	266
Increase in Total Headcount	7.69%
Decrease in "Oltimers"	-27.94%
CLP Conducted	2
Number of Units	4
Number of Action Groups	18
Number of Servants	52
Total Sources of Funds	268,979
Total Uses of Funds	286,268
Average Annual Tithe/Member	1,011
Chapter Head	Rolly Ona

The Makati chapter met with success the opening of a new outreach in the Military. The chapter initially embarked on a breakfast with a sharer from the Makati chapter. The Military officers together with Bishop Pelayo and Monsignor Zapatos responded by supporting the entry of the BCBP. They contributed financial as well as logistical support to pave the way for the conduct of a Christian Life Program in Sangley. The outreach as of the end of the year had a total of 27 couples and 7 singles completing the CLP program.

The outreach is given continued support by the members of the chapter. Every Saturday, a group leaders and servants from Makati would travel all the way to Sangley Naval Station to help the fledging outreach in developing its core of leaders. Since the establishment of the core of leaders with the completion of 1 CLP in the Sangley or Cavite outreach, the chapter hopes to develop this outreach further during the year to spin them off as a chapter. The main objective is to use Sangley as a springboard in reaching out to the Military not only to the Naval branch of the Armed Service of the Philippines but likewise to the other services of the AFP.

Aside from developing the military outreach, Makati conducted two Christian life programs for businessmen and professionals bringing in 32 married couples, 7 single married individuals and 17 single men and women.

The general membership of Makati increased by 7.96% during the year, this is broken down into 121 couples and 24 singles. The oldtimers population however decreased by 27.94 percent. In 1990 there were 247 members in Makati, of this total 178 are still active as of the end of 1991. The total headcount loss of oldtimers is 69 members.

Makati has a total leaders complement of 52 broken down into seven service heads, four unit leaders and 36 action group leaders. The leadership ratio is on the higher end of the spectrum with 1 leader taking care of 5 members.

One BCMR was conducted at the Maryhill Retreat house in Antipolo with 25 couples in attendance. Seeing the need to make the chapter grow closer to one another, Makati conducted a Lord's day celebration at the Magallanes Parish hall.

The Chapter likewise in 1991 saw that music plays a major role in the conduct of its chapter meetings. Also, the music ministry serves as the entry of new members into service. In 1991, Makati strengthened its Music ministry by encouraging participation and upgrading its existing equipment.

The members of the music ministry on the other hand also did their part in the purchase of equipment by undertaking a Christmas caroling effort in December to accumulate funds for instruments.

Makati also implemented a workplace evangelization program in a joint effort with the Biyaya ng Espiritu Santo, a catholic charismatic community. Life in the Spirit Seminars were conducted for rank and file employees of three companies.

A bible seminar was conducted by the chapter with Fr. Gerry Tapiador at the St. Andrews Church in Bel-Air.

A breakfast venue in the Downtown Manila area(Binondo) is being planned for 1992. A CLP composed greatly of breakfast attendees from the Binondo breakfast is expected for this year. As part of its plan, the Chapter intends to develop a core-group of Chinese businessmen who will eventually be invited to the CLP in Makati. This core group will be the main evangelistic team of Makati in reaching out to the Chinese business circle.

To further develop the commitment of leaders in Makati, a fourth Friday of the month regular teaching program for leaders is scheduled. As part of the social projects of the chapter, the leadership intends to further help in Tahanan ng Panginoon in coordination with its representatives.

Quezon City Chapter Statistics

New Members	85
Old Members	124
Total Headcount	209
Increase in Total Headcount	18.75%
Decrease in "Oldtimers"	-29.55%
CLP Conducted	3
Number of Units	6
Number of Action Groups	21
Number of Servants	61
Total Sources of Funds	187,027
Total Uses of Funds	191,791
Average Annual Tithe/Member	895
Chapter Head	Benjie Quinto

Highlighting one of the major achievements of the chapter during the year was the conduct of three CLP classes. Quezon City conducted the most number of CLPs in 1992. Out of 92 who initially applied 87 were baptized and 85 committed to the BCBP.

The CLP program produced quality participation after the chapter made improvements in the application-in-process procedures. Because of the three CLPs conducted during the year, the Chapter saw the need to further strengthen leaders and develop a new batch for future CLPs.

A year long program for both new and current leaders was held during the year. New leaders sessions are held every 3rd Wednesdays of the month, this is handled by the Leaders formation ministry. The current leaders sessions are held every unit meetings and are handled by the concerned unit leaders using the Lumko generated materials.

The chapter completed 1 LSS program for Pepsi Cola employees in the Quezon City plant. 18 Pepsi employees completed the LSS program. One of the units of the chapter supports the growth and sustenance of the Pepsi group.

A lone BCMR program for 13 couples was conducted. It was the first ever program conducted by the BCMR ministry team of the QC chapter. The BCMR team also conducted a weekend for the BCBP Dagupan Chapter in Baguio city.

The chapter turned some of its attention to the Christian Family. They embarked on a Christian family formation support program for regular chapter members and their families. The program consists of three groups: Children's formation, Young Adults and a Young Professionals Program. It is held every 4th Sunday of the month.

The chapter has a total leaders complement of 61, broken down into 6 unit leaders, 6 service heads and 42 action group leaders

The leadership ratio is 3.4 is to 1. The general membership increased by 18.75 percent during the year composed of 92 couples and 25 singles. The number of oldtimer members decreased by 29.55 percent during the year.

During the first half of the year, the chapter meetings were conducted on the 3rd Fridays of every month at the Sacred Heart Church in Kamuning, Quezon City started to seriously look at the performance of attendance in its various chapter and BCBP-wide affairs. That chapter meeting for example was noted to have only 30% attendance. In particular, the regularity of the attendance of members who have been with the Brotherhood for more than two years. As a step towards improving attendance, in the second half of 1992, the chapter leadership decided to move the chapter meetings on the 4th Sunday of the month at the Holy Family School in UP Village, the attendance increased to 45% of the total membership. The practice of the gifts of the Holy spirit was a very encouraging sign of renewed vigor in the chapter meetings.

The action group meetings showed a better attendance rating with 80% of members in attendance. A feature of the meetings is the uniformity of the topics undertaken by the action groups and the use of the LUMKO generated materials.

The chapter Lord's day showed 40% attendance while the unit fellowship conducted every 5th Friday of the calendar month showed a remarkable attendance rate

of 80%. During the unit fellowship, flexibility was exercised on the conduct of the affair.

Leadership Training for new and current leaders was also conducted at the Charismatic Renewal Center in Quezon City. 45 members completed the program.

1992 Plans

The chapter plans to improve and strengthen the technical skills of members in evangelizing. The target groups are the first timers in the Men's Breakfast, Pre-CLP participants and Pre-LSS participants. To achieve this objective a Catholic Evangelization Training Program (CETP) will be sponsored by the Chapter. Hand in hand with this effort is the creation of a CETP team which will have in its roster qualified trainers. This will ensure that the evangelization skills of new members will be honed and used in bringing Jesus Christ to the market place. As a standard of measure, the chapter will look at the rate of turn-outs in the LSS, CLP and the first timers in the breakfast.

The Evangelization thrust of the chapter is geared towards a goal of reaching the 400 members mark by the end of 1992. Two CLP classes are scheduled for 1992. Likewise four Life in the Spirit Seminars will be conducted for the rank and file employees of companies where the chapter has active members. The chapter will organize and implement a teaching formation series, addressed to the following groups, regular members, children, young adults and young professionals. The goal is to strengthen Christ centered relationships among the members and their families through family formation programs in support of the evangelistic mission objectives.

To strengthen and develop a deeper commitment to the BCBP covenant among regular chapter members, Quezon City intends to develop and adopt a BCBP oriented pastoral care system designed to emphasize on individual commitment. This will involve a two year program executed in two phases. Phase 1 would be Unit leaders to action group leaders and phase 2 would be action group leaders to members.



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We have examined the statements of assets, liabilities and fund balance of The Philippine Foundation of the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals, Inc. (a nonstock, nonprofit organization) as at December 31, 1991 and 1990, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in fund balance for the years then ended. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

As described in Note 2 to the financial statements, the Foundation's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the assets, liabilities and fund balance of The Philippine Foundation of the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals, Inc. as at December 31, 1991 and 1990, and its revenues, expenses, and changes in fund balance for the years then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 2, which basis has been consistently applied.

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**THE PHILIPPINE FOUNDATION OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF CHRISTIAN
 BUSINESSMEN AND PROFESSIONALS, INC.**
 (A Nonstock, Nonprofit Organization)
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

December 31

1991

1990

A S S E T S

CASH (Including Temporary Cash Investments of ₱428,468 in 1991 and ₱336,963 in 1990)	₱835,093	₱772,645
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	185,924	103,286
DUE FROM AFFILIATES (Note 3)	57,975	54,470
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT (Net of Accumulated Depreciation of ₱111,542 in 1991 and ₱62,422 in 1990)	91,854	83,350
	₱1,170,846	₱1,013,751

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	₱25,059	₱63,434
DUE TO AFFILIATES (Note 3)	32,000	
FUND BALANCE	1,113,787	950,317
	₱1,170,846	₱1,013,751

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**THE PHILIPPINE FOUNDATION OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF CHRISTIAN
BUSINESSMEN AND PROFESSIONALS, INC.**
(A Nonstock, Nonprofit Organization)
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

	Years Ended December 31	
	1991	1990
REVENUES		
Donations and tithes received	₱1,629,603	₱1,504,122
Interest	103,358	48,211
	<u>1,732,961</u>	<u>1,552,333</u>
EXPENSES		
Training, seminars and conferences	704,482	411,775
Donations	503,828	531,191
Professional fees	101,000	77,000
Transportation	63,528	53,154
Depreciation	49,120	32,916
Salaries and employees' benefits	41,399	33,332
Books and subscriptions	36,068	38,988
Office supplies	9,236	12,539
Taxes and licenses	387	385
Miscellaneous	60,443	50,035
	<u>1,569,491</u>	<u>1,241,315</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	163,470	311,018
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	950,317	639,299
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>₱1,113,787</u>	<u>₱950,317</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

1. ORGANIZATION

The Philippine Foundation of the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals, Inc., which was incorporated on August 14, 1984, operates with the principal objectives of promoting, supporting and encouraging the: (a) human development and value formation of businessmen and professionals; (b) improvement of Filipino marital and family life and community consciousness; (c) total human development and value formation of the youth and students and all others who may be so interested therein; and (d) to foster and maintain fellowship and goodwill and unity among its members and all those with whom the Foundation and its members may interact.

As a nonstock, nonprofit organization, the Foundation's revenues are exempt from payment of income tax as set forth in Section 26(e) of the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC). The Foundation, however, is subject to the corresponding internal revenue taxes under the NIRC on its income derived from any of its properties, real or personal or any activity conducted for profit regardless of the disposition thereof.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Method of Accounting

The Foundation follows the cash basis of accounting for its transactions, except for the inclusion of depreciation of musical instruments and office equipment and accrual of certain liabilities. Consequently, certain revenues and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.

Musical Instruments and Office Equipment

Musical instruments and office equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the instruments and office equipment.

Retirement Plan

The Foundation funds accrued retirement costs on its noncontributory retirement plan covering substantially all of its employees. Pension costs are computed on the basis of accepted actuarial method and include current service cost and amortization of past service cost. Past service costs are amortized over a period of 10 years.

3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with affiliates consist mainly of cash advances for operating expenses.

4. RETIREMENT PLAN

The Foundation has a noncontributory retirement plan covering substantially all of its employees. Annual retirement costs charged to operations amounted to ₱900, including amortization of past service cost.

Moving Forward

Three things stood out in 1991. Outreaches, BEST or LSS programs and the opening of more CLPs in all the chapters.

Christian Life Programs

1991 is CLP year, all of the chapters conducted at least one CLP class for 1991. As a result 30 percent of our members now are composed of new graduates. Quezon City conducted three classes, the most during the year.

Common among the chapters is a special emphasis on influential businessmen and professionals. The Military CLP given by Makati in Sangley Point, Cavite also followed this trend with the recruitment of a core of influential military officers for the Military outreach.

Quezon City put more emphasis on this thrust by streamlining the CLP recruitment. They initiated a systematized pre-screening of participants prior to the start of the program. As a result, they graduated an average of only 28 per CLP program.

The average participation of 28 participants per CLP is small considering that on the other end of the spectrum, Alabang which is traditionally a heavy-turnout organizer of CLPs averaged 55 participants per program.

With the establishment of a strong core of leaders and members, the Brotherhood moves towards the second phase of evangelization, that of conducting BEST programs, LSS or abbreviated CLPs for the rank and file employees.

LSS or BEST programs

Of LSS oriented programs, Greenhills provided fresh insight by being very active in this area of evangelization.

Greenhills conducted 4 programs averaging 40 per program or a total participation of 160 rank and file people from various companies.

Avoiding the pitfalls of the past, the chapters saw a need to provide continuous spiritual support. Greenhills provided a team of six couples from the chapter to provide spiritual direction after the LSS programs. The entire effort is coordinated by the Mission Director.

Makati also had an LSS activity during the year but had to utilize the resources of another Catholic Community to get a feel of how to conduct such an affair.

Outreaches

On outreaches, Alabang continues to spearhead the drive towards establishing breakfast venues in the provinces. From past experience, it shows that the opening of breakfast venues becomes the springboard for turning the outreach into a chapter.

Alabang would provide spiritual and logistical support in the beginning by bringing its committed and mature members to a possible outreach and then slowly but surely developing a core of leaders through the conduct of Christian Life Programs in the outreach.

Phenomenal growth has been seen in the outreaches using this format. Cebu is a typical example, the outreach which was recently turned into a chapter has grown by leaps and bounds.

The evangelistic fervor remains and today the chapter focused its energy towards establishing more breakfast venues in the Visayas and Mindanao region.

Teachings

The chapters also got involved into a lot of teaching programs that are directed towards the family, children, young adults, action group leaders and general programs such as scripture and prayer life programs.

These teachings however, are conducted by the different chapters not on a unified all-chapter format but more on a per-need basis depending on the requirements of the chapter for 1991.

More of these teachings will be conducted in 1992 as the plans reveal.

Challenges

The 1991 Chapter reports however noted certain areas where we need to come up with improvement programs.

One such area are the breakfast venues, more specifically in the Metro Manila area. The average participation of active members in the breakfast is down to only 20 to 30 percent.

Most of the breakfast teams of the different Metro Manila Chapters have lined up programs to improve this BCBP entry point.

The decline can be attributed to the misconception that the responsibility of the member is simply to be a passive participant to the breakfast. The 1992 programs will seek to introduce people to being breakfast

evangelizers by bringing in new people to hear Christ message through the numerous sharings.

Some of the chapters have signified their intention to tap specific action groups and units for the purpose of bringing in new people and helping these new breakfast attendees move towards signing up for a Christian Life Program.

Another area of growth which the chapters will go into is the Chapter Assemblies. In 1991 the attendance rate was from 30 to 40 percent of active membership only. Last year, several moves were made to improve attendance, some of them were moving the dates of the assembly, celebrating the Holy Eucharist before the mass and conducting teaching nights. The use of the gifts of the Holy Eucharist during the assemblies also needs to be strengthened as the report reveals. The 1992 plans show that specific programs to strengthen this area will be looked into.

Suffering the same attendance rate is the First Friday Assembly which brings together all of the brothers and sisters of the different chapters. The reasons for the decline can be varied from chapter to chapter. With streamlining moves to be implemented in 1992, the enthusiasm for the First Friday assembly is hoped to be rekindled.

The past year, and those that preceded it are all marked by challenges and opportunities. There are times we need to trim the sail, slow down and listen to God's direction while there are times we move ever so swiftly towards our work of bringing Jesus Christ to the marketplace.

One thing is certain however, the BCBP will move into the coming years stronger and wiser from the lessons of the past, moved forward by a common love for God the Father. Our hands will never grow limp in spite of the challenges that meet us for we have Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior with us at all times. May his name be praised forever.

It's always a joy to talk about Mama Mary.

For us Catholics, September and October are especially dedicated to our Blessed Mother: September is her birth month and October is the month of the Rosary.

For all of us involved in the work of evangelization, i.e. bringing the Good News to others (the Good News being first and foremost the person of Jesus Christ), we look at our work as an extension of Mary's. The specific task to which she was called was to bring the incarnate Word into the world, to bring the new presence of God among men. We, as evangelizers, also have the task to bring Jesus to all men.

It was Pope Paul VI who gave Mary her new title: "Star of Evangelization".

"On the morning of Pentecost she watched over with her prayer the beginning of evangelization prompted by the Holy Spirit: may she be the Star of the evangelization ever renewed which the Church, docile to her Lord's command, must promote and accomplish especially in these times which are difficult but full of hope!" (Evangelii Nuntiandi #82)

Mary, Hidden Evangelizer

In her union and intimacy with Christ, Mary is joined with Him in a wholly unique way in His work of bringing about the conversion and birth of believers. She is the hidden evangelizer of the Good News, making Christ present to others simply through His presence within her, starting with the Visitation (Lk. 1:43). If Jesus also lives within us, He continues to wait for us to share Him with everyone we meet.

St. Luke tells us that Mary treasured all the things and events surrounding her Son in her heart, reflecting on them, keeping them in memory (Lk. 2:19, 51). The first quality of any evangelizer is the willingness to stay vulnerable to the will of God, to be

MARY, STAR OF EVANGELIZATION

Evangelization #8

Tita O. Cerdania

Like Mary, we as evangelizers have the task to bring Jesus to all men.



able to listen quietly with a readiness to hear and accept God's message. We evangelizers know that if we do not come to quiet and listen to God, we have absolutely nothing to say to man!

Mary, Active Evangelizer

But Mary was not one to just sit around and contemplate things. If we look deeper into the Gospels, we find Mary always on the road! From Nazareth to Ain Karim (to visit Elizabeth), to Bethlehem, to Jerusalem, to Egypt then back to Nazareth. Finally, we find her walking in the footsteps of Jesus all the way to the foot of the Cross at Calvary and to the tomb.

As evangelizers, we too must follow wherever Jesus leads us. We can-

not just stay put and bask on our accomplishments. Jesus Himself declared, "To other towns I must announce the Good News of the reign of God, because that is why I was sent" (Lk. 4:43). In the course of my work in evangelization, I would remember Mary, plodding along dusty roads on foot, trying to keep pace with Jesus, every time I traveled by land, sea and air to the hinterlands of Negros, Bohol, Masbate, etc. That was enough to cut off any grumbling about the long, hot dusty rides and the flimsy pumpboats!

Mary, Our Way to Jesus

When we were first married, there were so many things I did not know about my husband Pete; things about his childhood, his likes and dislikes, etc. I only learned about them, little by little, by becoming close to my mother-in-law. I believe this is the role that Mary plays.

As evangelizers, we are supposed to be intimate with Jesus, otherwise how can we share Him with others? By going to Mary, somehow we get to know Jesus more intimately. After all, she is His mom, isn't she? And ours, too!

Through the Scriptures, Mary has taught me so many things about her Son and how to relate to Him as my Lord, my Savior, my God. For a long time I only knew her as Mary of the Faith: set apart, different from us, crowned with stars, crushing the serpent's head, etc.

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MARY, STAR ...

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But the Mary of the Bible is different: she walked on earth, dressed as all other women in Palestine were dressed in her time. She lived when a woman had to be "rough and ready...Mary could not go to the baker in order to buy bread. She had to start from scratch to prepare the grain by winnowing it. She could not go to a chain store to buy clothing. She had to prepare the wool and do the weaving herself. There were no matches..." (Rene Laurentin, "A Year of Grace with Mary").

I am sure all us can identify ourselves readily with a Mary who probably stumbled over her Son's toy, scalded her hand as she ladled out soup for her Family, bound up the scraped knee of the boy Jesus. She's one of us. This is the Mary I find at my side in following Jesus.

I would like to share with you a few scripture passages that have made a great impact on me.

"They have no more wine!" (Jn. 2:3)

I believe that when she looks at the sad plight of humanity, Mary continues to repeat these words to Jesus: "Son they have no more wine (no more joy)." As evangelizers, we too look at the world around us through Mary's eyes, and this is what urges us on to go out and proclaim the Good News of God's abiding love. The reward is seeing the sheer joy on the faces of those who have had an authentic encounter with Jesus.

"Do whatever He tells you." (Jn. 2:5)

If I am to do "whatever He tells me," then I guess the first step is to find out what exactly He's telling me. "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Jesus Christ," says St. Jerome. So, not content with merely reading the Bible, listening attentively to the proclamation of the Word of God in the liturgy and the homilies, I was eventually led to study Scripture. Now I teach the Bible! And it all started with Mary's "Do whatever He tells you."

"I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." (Lk. 1:38)

Eyes of Faith A VERY SPECIAL LADY

Kytt Mier, Las Pinas

Like the month of May, October is specially dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God and of all Christians. This is why I'm taking time in this column to talk about Mama Mary as she has a special role in my life.

First, Mama Mary is a sensible person, possessing normal intellectual capabilities. Indeed, her logic is basically pragmatic as we see in her response to the angel's message that she was going to bear a child (Lk. 1:34).

Second, Mama Mary knows her faith. She knows the demands of the Law of Moses on individual as well as collective behavior of her people. At the time of the Annunciation, she would have known about the nature of betrothal to Joseph and the binding character of her potential marriage to him and the punishment given to an unfaithful wife.

Third, Mama Mary loves God with her own life. We can see this in her consistent faithfulness to the practices of her Jewish faith. Jesus' circumcision (Luke 2:21), His presentation in the Temple (Luke 2:22-24) and her yearly trek to Jerusalem with Jesus and Joseph (Luke 2:41) confirm Mama Mary's consistent faithfulness to God.

With these premises, let me go through the elements which make Mama Mary special to me.

Joseph and Mary's betrothal must have been arranged as is the custom of those days. But God is above human customs, and His plan of salvation involves the cooperation of human beings who could transcend the human condition. This plan calls for putting His Son on earth with human assistance. Ironically, God decided to pursue His plan on a very human mode: by wooing Mama Mary through His messenger Gabriel (Luke 1:28-37). In a contemporary setting and from a human viewpoint, it would appear that God was one of Mary's suitors.

Mama Mary's sweet "yes" (Luke 1:38) won our salvation. It also meant that she would become the real wife of the Person by Whom she would conceive a Child. Angel Gabriel described this Person as the "Holy Spirit" (Luke 1:35). No wonder, certain church leaders and theologians call Mama Mary the "Spouse of the Holy Spirit," which, indeed, she is.

These are some of the points in Mary's life that make her special to me. I pray that you allow her to become special to you, too.

Ever since the Lord called me into "active service" about ten years ago, there had been moments when I became so focused on the service I was involved in rather than on the Lord of the service. I even got to the point of choosing just what I wanted to do for the Lord, rather than what the Lord wanted me to do for Him.

Once I caught myself referring to the apostolate as "my ministry". Mary's gentle words set me straight: "It is His ministry. I am just a servant. Let it be done unto me, not 'Lord, I want to do this for you'." These words of Mary have become part of my morning prayers. They certainly put me in my proper place before I even begin the day!

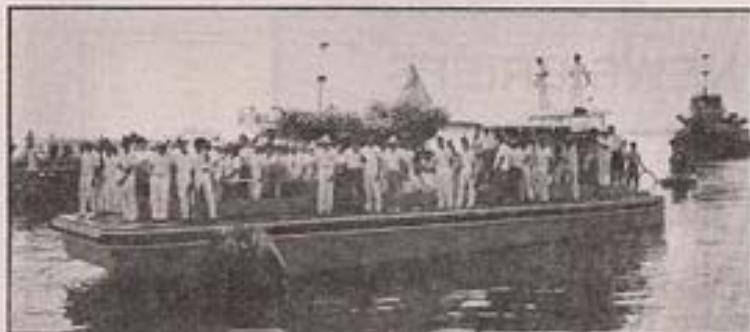
The Magnificat (Lk. 1:46-55)

I have been doing some pretty frontline stuff for the Lord, stuff that

can easily puff up one's ego if one is not careful, except for this reminder from Mary. God who is mighty has done great things for me, His lowly servant, and there is absolutely nothing I can boast of. All credit and glory belongs to Him. My role is just to be available and to obey, and to say after every task, "Holy is His Name!"

The above are just a few of the many ways Mother Mary has put me in the right relationship with her Son Jesus. As far as I am concerned, every time I come to her, she points to Her Son. So for me, she is, as the song goes, "my beautiful Way to the loving Son".

Hence, she's Mary, Model Evangelizer and "Star of Evangelization". She's also my mom!



The image of Our Lady of La Naval is borne in fluvial procession during the annual October fiesta.



Navy sailors vie for their turn in carrying on their shoulders their Patroness in her boat from the pier to the chapel. The boat sways from side to side as if on the sea as the men dance to the beat of the 'karakol'.

The Naming Of The BCBP's La Naval Outreach

"Why the name 'La Naval', why not just Navy Outreach?" This was the common question asked when the BCBP Makati chapter began its outreach activities in the Cavite Naval Base in 1991 with the all-out support of the then Navy chaplain Msgr. Gorgonio Sapatos (now AFP Chaplain), Commodore Marino Panes and the FOIC (Flag Officer in Command) Philippine Navy Rear Admiral Mariano Dumancas, Jr.

The name "La Naval" does not signify the Navy alone although she is the Patron Saint of the Philippine Navy. The name "La Naval" was chosen by its members for two reasons: firstly, Our Lady of La Naval is the name of the Patron Saint of the parish where the outreach's first CLPs were located in Ft. San Felipe, Cavite City. Secondly, outreach members although predominately Naval officers and wives did have members from the Air Force and the civilian professionals as well.

In order for this multi-sectoral group to be identified under one name that is meaningful, relevant to its members, and one that can lead the group on the way toward the main goal - evangelization, the name La Naval was chosen.

The Story of Our Lady of La Naval

It was on the first Sunday of October 1571 that the Dominican Pope and Saint Pius V ordered the public praying of the Rosary throughout Christendom in support of the Christian navy against the onslaught of the Islam navy. The victory that resulted quickly brought about the Church's institution of October 7, the victory day, as the feast of the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. Thereafter, the Virgin of the beads became popularly known as the Virgin of Naval Victories.

Seventy-five years later in the Philippine archipelago, the Rosary Queen once again gave repeated victories to her devotees. In March 1646 when a Dutch frigate fleet of four threatened Manila, two Spanish galleons sailed forth to meet the enemy with the Spanish soldiers, religious and Filipinos among the crew praying the Holy Rosary with loud voices on their knees trusting in the Virgin to give them victory. After a fierce battle off the coast of Bolinao, Pangasinan, the Dutch frigates fled.

In July of the same year two major naval battles were fought against superior forces of the enemy. Each time the Spanish commanding officers vowed that they and all their crew would go barefooted on pilgrimage to the Virgin to celebrate the victory they were asking through her intercession. In both battles, the enemy retreated in confusion with many casualties while

the two Spanish galleons suffered minor damage and no casualties. Similar events happened in September and again in October of 1646.

The naval soldiers and witnesses insisted that their victories were victories of their faith and petitioned for official recognition of these naval victories as miracles worked by the Mother of God. Finally in 1662 after exhaustive investigation the Church ordered that the five Naval Victories in 1646 be declared as Miraculous granted by the Sovereign Lord through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary.

In June 1975 Archbishop Mariano Gaviola, then military vicar of the AFP, started a move to have Our Lady of La Naval become the Patroness of the Philippine Navy. On October 1979, the image specially commissioned by the Phil. Navy was transferred from the Bonifacio Naval Station to its new chapel in Sangley Naval Base which would thereafter be known as the Shrine of La Naval. A beautiful pagoda fluvial procession celebrated the momentous occasion.

Every year during the feast day of Our Lady of La Naval in early October, the entire naval community turns out to honor their Patroness with a fluvial procession, joyous dancing in the streets in the rhythmic 'karakol', high mass at the Shrine followed by various community activities. All this is done

QUEZON CITY NEWS BRIEFS

Chapter Reorganization Undertaken

To address the short and medium term action plans drawn up during the chapter's planning weekend, the chapter was reorganized both in structure and function. The governance body has been replaced by a chapter Council with the chapter head as chairman and the unit coordinators and the mission coordinator as members. The chapter treasurer and the head of the chapter secretariat sit in the Council in supporting capacities.

Unit coordinators serve two to three units, each to be headed by unit leaders who, in turn, serve two or more action groups each. The mission coordinator will serve two mission directors, one for outreach ministries with the title of outreach director, and the other to take care of chapter growth through evangelization efforts with the title of CLP director. Both directors will have the rank and function of unit leaders although in more specialized capacities.

The teams under each director will be recomposed into action groups. These are the breakfast team, the CLP course team, the CETP team, the LSS (Metro-Manila) team and the provincial outreach team. The team leaders shall serve as the action group leaders of their respective teams/groups with their team members as their action group members.

THE STORY OF ...

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in the spirit of thanksgiving for the many, many victories, large and small, that the intercession of the Virgin of Naval Victories has brought about over the years.

Researched and written by LCDR Bro. Sid Allones, LTSC Bro. Willie Agudelo, and naval chaplain Fr. Livy Malaguano, Ft. San Felipe.

Planning Weekend

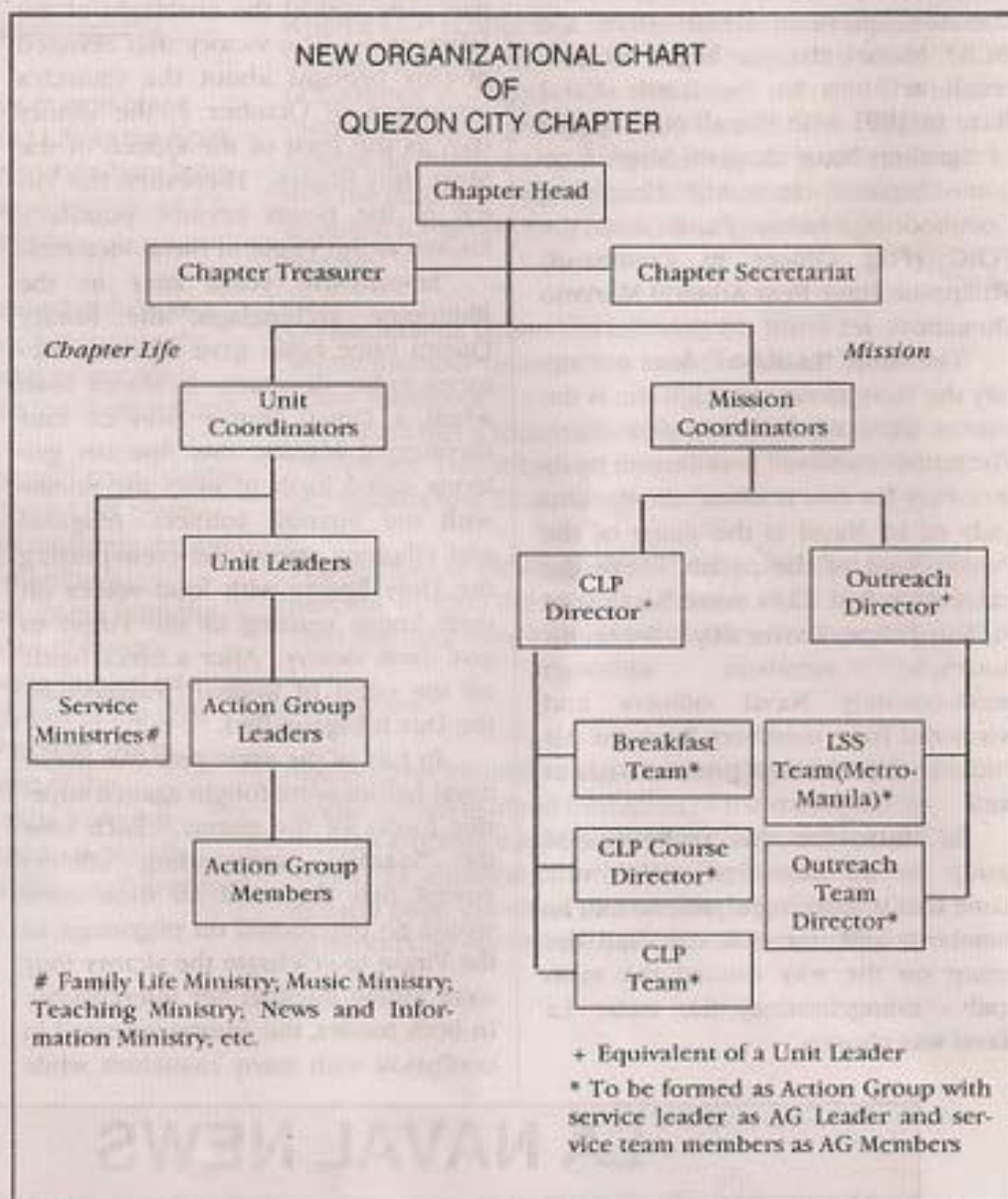
In response to the 9-point action plan for the BCBP which Fr. Herb Schneider enunciated during the first Friday general assembly last July, the entire leadership of the Quezon City chapter went on a live-in planning weekend last September 5 and 6 in Naic, Cavite.

Guided by the BCBP plan for the period 1993-1997 and after a month-long consultation with the chapter's membership through their action group meetings and leaders' as-

semblies, the chapter leaders came together to map out the action plans for the Quezon City chapter for the next five years.

Opening talks given by chapter head Benjie Quinto on "Darkness in the Marketplace" and the realities which Christians, particularly the Brotherhood members, have to deal with, and by mission director for outreaches Roy Calleja on the vision and mission of the BCBP, group workshops dissected the BCBP's 5-

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year plan and came up with questions which were later presented in an open forum.

Mission director for chapter life Cenen Sambalido opened the afternoon sessions with a talk on the need to commit to the BCBP mission and vision. Vic Fernandez then discussed "The Present Reality" within the BCBP relative to the movement's mission statement.

Three workshop discussion teams were formed with each team tasked with dissecting, analyzing and coming up with comments and ideas on each of the steps in the three-tiered process, namely: conversion, commitment and commissioning. The "Conversion" team was moderated by Vic Fernandez and Cenen Sambalido, Romy Limuaco and Gil Beltran handled the "Commitment" team, while Louie Chanco led the "Commissioning" group. Roy Calleja and Benjie Quinto took turns of overseeing the progress of each workshop team.

After celebrating the Lord's Day, the conference resumed with reports from each team. After dinner the group returned to their workshops to integrate their analyses and findings, working late into the night.

Day Two saw the workshop groups back into discussions right after their morning prayers and breakfast. Deliberations centered on the goals and strategies which the chapter will adopt to pursue the vision and mission of the Brotherhood in the coming years. These were later integrated, at plenary, into an over-all action plan for the chapter for 1993-1997 with a short-term agenda/program for the next five quarters.

All of the chapter leaders participating in the weekend planning workshop returned to Manila imbued with new enthusiasm for the various activities planned for the months ahead.



NEWS FROM TORONTO

The Brotherhood is growing in Toronto, Canada. Under the direction of head servant Ricky Nuguid, Christian Life Program No. 1 was held in Toronto in May 1992 with eight participants completing the course. Ricky was assisted by Paco Pangilinan. Kit and Gay Arcilla were discussion group leaders assisted by Gigi and Jovet dela Torre. Jong and Evie Amante and Vic and Ellen Legaspi comprised the service team with Cecile Nuguid handling the book table.

The group sent this picture to the KAPATIRAN to share with all their

BCBP brothers and sisters with thanks for their prayers for the continuing progress of the BCBP in Toronto.

Seated from left are: Chiquit Amante (Mom of Jong), Ellen Legaspi, Gay Arcilla, Evie Amante, Jovet dela Torre, Cecile Nuguid, Cynthia Pangilinan, Chit Aquino (sister of Ricky Nuguid), Lita Aguilar, Marge Mendoza.

Standing from left are: Serge Amante, Vic Legaspi, Kit Arcilla, Jong Amante, Gigi dela Torre, Ricky Nuguid, Danny Malarky, Paco Pangilinan, Manny Aquino, Tito Aguilar, Louie Mendoza.

BCBP Q.C. New Appointments

Cito Villaflores takes over the position of music ministry head that was vacated by Monching Kagaoan who left for Vietnam to assume an expatriate position in a car manufacturing firm.

Emy Magdangal takes over the position vacated by Oscar and Mila Balaoing as head of the chapter secretariat. The Balaoing's assume new responsibilities in the LSS team.

Art/Lally dela Cruz and Ray/Raquel Tansioco are new unit leaders as the Romy/Nancy Limuaco and Vic/Claire Fernandez assume their responsibilities as unit coordinators. Roy/Janette Calleja move to the new position of mission coordinator.

Cenen/Gigi Sambalido move from

mission director for chapter life to the new position of outreach director as Louie and Arlene Chanco move from unit leader to the new position of CLP director.

Nanette Kagaoan takes over the action group for single women. Other new action group leaders are: Jun/Bing Capacillo and Emy/Sallie Magdangal. The new team leaders who will now concurrently serve as their respective teams' action group leaders are: Noli/Bong Tiongson for the CLP course; Vic/Lita de Veyra for the breakfast team; Cary/Mapette Urgino for the CETP team; Gerry/Cecille Tabares for the LSS team; and J.R./Estrella Lioanag for the provincial outreach team.

CEBU LINK

Tagbilaran Breakfast Launched

August 30, 1992 was a red-letter day for BCBP Cebu. It was the formal launching of the Brotherhood Breakfast in Tagbilaran City at the JJ Seafood House, a native restaurant located very near the seafront. Main sharers were Mari and Chichi Martinez from BCBP Cebu. The breakfast culminated with the celebration of the Eucharistic Mass by Father Deng Husain.

82 businessmen and women and professionals from Tagbilaran City attended the inaugural breakfast. 75 brothers and sisters from the BCBP Cebu chapter and five brothers from the BCBP Cagayan de Oro outreach went to the new breakfast to serve.

Cebu mission director Ed Lising, together with Willie Puno, Nap Polotan, Rene Congmon, Tony and Chato Araneta, Boy and Nay Gonzaga, Joel Cajatol and Tony and Rose Tagulao had proceeded to Tagbilaran two days beforehand to arrange accommodations for the Cebu and Cagayan de Oro contingents and to help prepare the breakfast venue.

Those coordinating the affair from Tagbilaran were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sanvictores, Engr. and Mrs. Fortunato Lim, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dejaresco, Mr. and Mrs. Nonoy Sanchez and Dr. and Dra. Nilo Tima-an.

The launching of the first breakfast was the culmination of several trips to Tagbilaran by the Cebu mission team to survey the place, to identify potential local coordinators. The team paid courtesy calls to the local church hierarchy and had numerous organization meetings. Even a joint men's and women's breakfast was held on a dry run basis on August 1 with an initial 29 local attendees who also attended the orientation that followed the breakfast.

Regular breakfasts for Tagbilaran have been set every second and fourth Saturday of the month at the JJ Seafood House in Tagbilaran City.



BCBP Cebu members welcome the first timers during the inaugural breakfast in Tagbilaran City on August 30, 1992.



The service team for the newly opened Tagbilaran breakfast came all the way from Cebu and Cagayan de Oro for the occasion.



The Tagbilaran brothers and sisters listen intently to the sharers during the first BCBP breakfast in their city.

We must be a living sign that leads to Christ.

On To Cebu

Bong and Beng Pelaez of the Cagayan de Oro outreach, CLP 3, were the couple sharers at the joint breakfast in Cebu on August 8, 1992. They share with us their experiences.

August 6 (Thursday). Beng and I decided to leave for Cebu one day ahead of our scheduled sharing. On our way to the Cagayan de Oro pier, Beng had to return home...she had forgotten her dress for the Breakfast!

August 7 (Friday). The boat docked at 8:00 a.m. We were welcomed by BCBP Buddy and Ernie and had breakfast in our Cebu accommodation hosts Willy and Pilar where the hospitality was truly "brotherhood".

We visited my Auntie in the hospital (she had been comatose for two months), then spent the afternoon trying to reconcile two of the children (in their fifties and sharing the same home) who had been at odds with each other for so many long years.

Beng had a one-on-one with the sister and I with the brother. When both were ready for a dialogue, we started with a short prayer of reconciliation and forgiveness for inner hurts. The dialogue lasted a fruitful one hour and ended with both kissing each other and promising to make up. We extended our invitation for them to join the BCBP breakfast the next morning.

August 8 (Saturday). Beng and I started our couple prayers as early as 5 a.m. and rehearsed our script for the sharing.

7:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Formation, Cebu. Beng and I were quite tense since this is our first time to share outside Cagayan de Oro. Both my cousins were there to attend the breakfast and this was the biggest blessing. We had such a very warm reception and were impressed with the large attendance - the first timers alone numbered more than fifty!

In the afternoon we were given a despedida at Rene and Marides Almendras' residence. A joyous oc-

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Rose Padre hands over to Lilli Morales a token of appreciation for her service as wife of Alabang chapter head Louie Morales and as the first coordinator/emcee of the Alabang Ladies Breakfast.

ALABANG NEWSBREAK

Ladies Celebrate 5th Anniversary

The ladies of the Alabang Chapter recently celebrated their 5th Ladies' Breakfast Anniversary with Bo Sanchez as guest speaker. Bo heads the Light of Jesus Community, an outreach of Ligaya ng Panginoon.

The celebration commenced with a mass, followed by greeting of the first timers, birthday and wedding anniversary celebrants and the awarding of tokens to the sharers of the year.

Rose Padre, wife of new Alabang chapter head, Pete Padre, formally announced the turnover of the Alabang Ladies Breakfast from its present coordinator Malou Guzman to Nene Tayag. Nene has served in the ladies' breakfast in various capacities in the past and is therefore no stranger to the task.

Alabang ladies sing a touching rendition of the "Song of Ruth", arranged and accompanied by Rose Padre, as an intermission number during the 5th Anniversary of the Alabang ladies' breakfasts.



Ruth 1:16-17

CAGAYAN DE ORO HAPPENINGS

Fiesta Time

August for residents of Cagayan de Oro City is the busiest month of the year next to Christmas for it is during this month that Cagayanons celebrate the feast of St. Augustine, our city's patron saint. The city has always celebrated this feast the traditional way with 9-day novenas, mass offerings and a procession on August 28. The month-long festivities include fluvial parades, the city parade, sports events, city pageants and the hospitality of our residents towards relatives, friends, and guests from neighboring towns and cities.

This year the BCBP Cagayan de Oro outreach celebrated together with the archdiocese and with special activities of their own. The outreach participated in a "night of music" concert with other religious groups at the Cathedral in honor of our patron saint, and for our visiting bishops and religious and the lay apostolate. After the lively BCBP songs, all the participating groups joined in the final song of the evening, "Let There Be Peace."

The highlight of the BCBP's participation was their "Fiesta for the Poor" held in the Cathedral Lay Formation center in the city. BCBP brothers and sisters fed about 300 people, young and old, representing the 80 barangays in Cagayan de Oro City, and gave them food items to take home. This is the second year that the outreach has held this activity.

That night was really blessed by God, related the sisters and brothers, because so many people came, there didn't seem to be enough food. So we prayed for the Lord to bless us with the miracle of the multiplication of bread and fish...and it was more than a miracle for even the members of our outreach were able to partake of the food.

The evening ended with Monsignor Roa addressing us with a Spirit-filled message and asking the Lord's blessings of grace and guidance on the BCBP community.

August ended gloriously with our Worship Assembly held in the Mindanao Polytechnic State College and attended by all BCBP members.

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casian as they are the proud parents of a one-month old son who had been overdue for almost 7 years!

August 9 (Sunday). 6:00 a.m. back to Cagayan de Oro and the family after a very blessed and fruitful short vacation where we did not only share our conversion to the Lord but we were able to reconcile a brother and a sister to the Lord! Praise God!

MAKATI UPDATE

BCMR Showers Blessings

Twelve couples successfully completed a weekend Brotherhood Christian Marriage Retreat last September 18-20 at the Divine Word Retreat House in Tagaytay. It was an intimate and meaningful experience and a time packed with lots of fun not only for the participants but for the service team as well.

As the head couple, Johnny and Marite Calixto related that the whole retreat was manifested with humor. Starting from the enthusiastic showmanship of the music ministry, the fellowship night organized by Mon Gaité, Lucy Legaspi and Susan Olarte really brought the house down, with even Rollie Ona, chapter head, joining the dancing and singing.

The service team was headed by Andy/Odet Nanagas with their members mostly belonging to the music ministry. Mon Gaité showered the group with grapes while Joey and Becky Aranas provided extra food and a service van.

The BCMR was blessed with a powerful speakers' team composed of Jess/Gigi Gallegos, Cesar/Toni Castillo, Rollie Ona, Joe Ferreria, Joey Aranas and Ronnie/Mari Caballero.

CLP Proceeding Smoothly

Ongoing every Wednesday is CLP 20 of the Makati Chapter held at the Philippine Columbian Club, Plaza Dilao, Paco, Manila. Although the chapter was expecting many participants from the Manila-based BCBP breakfast, it turned out most of the 24 participants hail from Makati. However, as Jess Gallegos (one of the speakers) put it, "If we could save one soul then our efforts would not be in vain."

The service team is headed by Vic

Cuna as Course Leader assisted by Chito Gonzales, with Chito Zabarte as Head Servant. Speakers for CLP 20 include Eddie Go, Jess Gallegos, Jun Catan, Joe Ferreria, Gus Escarreal, Lucy Legaspi, Alex Uychoco, F. de Larrazabal, Ric Galing, Jess Manalo and Rollie Ona.

Manila Breakfast

Every Friday there is now the Manila BCBP Breakfast held at the Savory Restaurant in Escolta, corner Jones. An average of 30 men attend regularly. This breakfast which used to be held in Malacanang and is under the supervision of the Makati Chapter was transferred in venue to be able to attract more of the downtown Manila businessmen and professionals.

Breakfast head is Andy Fornier, with members of the Breakfast team composed of Jacob Sin, Henry Tan, Noli Almazan, Nonoy de la Pena, Jansen Bautista, Joey Angeles and the tireless Cheng Legaspi for music.

New Ladies Breakfast Head

Annie Salvador recently took over as Makati Ladies Breakfast Head when the one-year term of Binggay Singson was completed. During the core group meeting in September, the group decided to change both time and venue of the Makati ladies' luncheon in order to accommodate more BCBP sisters and to attract more newcomers to the ladies' activities.

Beginning October, the ladies will meet for breakfast every second Wednesday morning at the Nandau Restaurant, Greenbelt, Makati. This is next door to the Beverly Hills Deli where the weekly men's breakfast is held. The first Wednesday of every month continues to be a joint breakfast at the Deli with a couple sharer.

LAS PINAS MONITOR

BCMRs, Men's Retreat

Two BCMRs are slated by the chapter before year-end. The first BCMR on Oct. 23 to 25 will cater to CLP 18 graduates and the remaining "stragglers" in the chapter. The second BCMR will cater to CLP 19 graduates and will be held on November 27 to 29. Both retreats will be held in Our Mother Mary's Formation Center, Victoria Homes, Tunasan, Muntinlupa.

A group of about fifty leaders from the Las Pinas and Alabang chapters will participate in a retreat to be conducted personally by Fr. Herb Schneider from October 8 to 10 at Our Mother Mary's Formation Center in Muntinlupa.

Mission Team Appointments

In its effort to further strengthen its mission-related services to the chapter, the Las Pinas Mission Team announced the appointment of Manny Dacayan as "CLP and Culture Talk Coordinator," and Lito Pardo as Brotherhood Evangelization Service Team (BEST) Coordinator.

Vision-Mission Awareness Program

All units and action groups of the Las Pinas chapter are into continuing discussions on understanding and actualizing the BCBP's Vision and Mission. The exercise is expected to help members firm up their commitment and facilitate the commissioning of "marketplace evangelists."

CHAPTER SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

October	Makati
November	Quezon City
December	Las Pinas
January	Alabang
February	Greenhills

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INTERVIEW: MANNY BANIGAN

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"I want to put our action plans into reality," Manny says referring to the Brotherhood's Vision and Mission that the last BCBP Planning Conference was able to clarify and the 9-point Action Plan (see KAPATIRAN, Aug-Sept 1992 issue, p. 3).

"As you can see, we have already set up the Secretariat; there's an effort to standardize our chapter's activities; the various chapters have been meeting more and more, and we are learning more and more about one another," reports Manny, when asked about some of the on-going BCBP-wide activities. All these are in line with the medium and long-term action plans that the BCBP has formulated and is now implementing 'full steam ahead'.

All these efforts, Manny hopes, should bring back the 'old Brotherhood spirit' which existed in the early days of the organization. He describes

this spirit as "akin to the brand loyalty that has developed around certain consumer products. But," he emphasizes, "the most important objective remains to be winning the marketplace for Christ." Manny assures that the BCBP's current efforts to be an action-oriented organization would "give the Brotherhood the identity to pursue this objective."

"I am calling on all of our BCBP brothers and sisters to support us with your prayers, prayers and more prayers, and also through love-offerings and tithes, your time, skills and energy in service. These will certainly go a long way in helping us together achieve our goal of winning the marketplace for Christ," Manny Banigan, National Council president, says as he concludes this lightning interview.

Kytt Mier

We would like to sincerely apologize for misspelling the name of our new National Council president, Manny Banigan, in the last issue of the KAPATIRAN. - Editor.

INTERVIEW: JOEY ESTAGLE

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groups under his care are all into careful deliberation and reflection on the BCBP Vision and Mission. It is easy to see that Joey's own vision for his stewardship hews pretty close to that of the Brotherhood.

But Joey has some thoughts of his own regarding where the chapter should proceed in the coming years. "We are considering the development of a different venue and date for another Las Pinas Breakfast," he muses, referring to the need to cater to the vast potential market of souls farther south into the Zapote area.

"We also need to further sharpen

the chapter's evangelization skills by developing and launching its BEST capabilities as soon as possible," Joey continues. "There are hundreds of firms yet untouched by the Word of God and His Holy Spirit in Las Pinas and Paranaque."

The success of these ventures depends on God's grace and guidance Joey maintains, even as he enlists the support and prayers of the chapter members in preparing the young chapter under his care for the evangelization work it is expected to do in its particular marketplace.

Kytt Mier

12TH
ANNIVERSARY
PICTURES

Many thanks to Charisse Ch. Fortich, our Cagayan de Oro editor, for sharing with us some of her pictures of the BCBP's 12th anniversary.



The BCBP outreach choir performing during the BCBP's 12th anniversary celebration at Valle Verde last August, proving that in Christ there can be unity.



The large hall at Valle Verde was filled to overflowing with brothers and sisters and their families despite the rainy weather.



Fr. Herb Schneider greets Pepot and Charisse Fortich with Louie Morales, Alabang chapter head, and Sadi Saguisag, Cebu chapter head, joining the light conversation.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATIONS

Fernando de Larrazabal

(1)

"A short span you have made my days...only a breath is any human existence." Psalms 39:6

We begin the circle of our life at the time we are born. At the outset we think we are the most important being around. At the first sound of our cry, our doting parents drop everything to do our bidding. In a few short years, we begin to realize we are not that important - brothers and sisters have equal billing.

As we start schooling, we begin to be aware of those around us, other than those of our family, and we begin to relate to them. This is the beginning of a learning process that never ends. We move on to our teen years. It's a time for fun, romance and puppy love.

Then, as if by magic, we enter adulthood. We miss the times when our parents were guiding and helping us with our decisions. We now assume those responsibilities, and in the process make some mistakes and learn from them. The time for tying the knot comes and we choose a lifetime partner. Shortly after the spark of new life, the blessing of children, we are now parents. Our circle is almost complete and the start of the children's circle is about to begin.

As time moves on, we find ourselves adding some pounds, our hair thinning and turning gray. As we look back, we find that life, although short, is beautiful and was worth living, thanks to the Almighty. It is now time to rest and await God's call. Our circle is about to close.

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"You shall not kill." Exodus 20:13

What would have happened if your parents had aborted you? You wouldn't be here today. The gift of life would have been denied you. You wouldn't have had the pleasure of doting parents who love you, nor experience the joys and pangs of growing up; the teenage years of merrymaking, dating, romance and love; the joys of marriage and parenthood - all these would have been denied you. Aren't you glad your parents wanted you and allowed you to be born, to experience and enjoy life?

Every life that is aborted is doing away with what could have been. Who knows what that life could have accomplished - maybe a great president or a famous physician; maybe a renowned painter, or a successful musician; maybe a great saint. The child could have accomplished any of these, but even assuming the child would have only been an ordinary person, as a child of God he was entitled to the opportunity of life.

Whoever takes life away from these little ones, usurps the power of God, who is the author of life and the only one called to take it. A warning to mothers aborting their children - you are to be judged by God as murderers.

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low chrysanthemums. I was stunned. I was happy.

But our Lord did not stop there in letting me know His will. A week later a medical representative arrived early in the morning in my office. He explained that I was the first one he had to visit for he had some good news. Then he handed me a literature of a new drug for chronic bronchitis. On it was a picture of a big yellow chrysanthemum which had wilted but had started to bloom again. The caption on top read "A New Lease On Life". My prayer was answered!

I knew God had plans for me and what He wanted me to do. I am now in private practice. Not only do I treat my patients but I also share the Good News with them. I have more time for my family and for BCBP activities. I thank and praise the Lord for His guidance and faithfulness. Truly He is Great and Wonderful!

COLOR GOD'S WORLD

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given me many blessings since I entered the Brotherhood.

But then, I heard the Lord speak to my heart: "So you are glad I have brought you into the Brotherhood and that you have received and learned plenty in the Brotherhood. But how come, son, your crayons are still very long?"

The following morning, I called to my office the least paid of my workers and conversed with them asking them about their families, where they resided and how far they had to travel to get to work, how many children they had and if any of them were sick. Then I gave them modest increases in accordance with their needs.

Yet I have surmised, all these are not enough if I have to color God's world in the marketplace. John-Paul did a lot better.

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**HAIL, MARY,
FULL OF GRACE!**

I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.
- Helen Keller

BCBP BREAKFAST VENUES

MEN'S BREAKFASTS

Wednesdays MAKATI : Beverly Hills Deli, Greenbelt
DAGUPAN : Pinkee's Restaurant
(1st, 3rd Wed. only)
Thursdays GREENHILLS : Club Filipino, Greenhills
Fridays MANILA : Savory, Escolta cor. Jones
Saturdays ALABANG : Ayala-Alabang Country Club
BACOLOD : Roli's Drive-in Restaurant
CEBU : Fernando's Sunburst Restaurant
ILOILO : Amigo Terraces Hotel
LAS PINAS : Shakey's Pizza Parlor,
President Ave., Phase I, BF Homes
QUEZON CITY : Max's (Fried Chicken)
Restaurant, Scout Tuazon near corner
Roces Ave., Q.C.
PALAWAN : Kamayan Restaurant
TAGBILARAN : JJ Seafood House
(2nd, 4th Sat. only)

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Wednesdays Arc Dates n' Nuts, Jupiter St., Bel Air.
Open to both men and women.

JOINT BREAKFASTS

1st
Wednesdays MAKATI : Beverly Hills Deli
Saturdays LAS PINAS : Shakey's Pizza Parlor,
President Ave., Phase I, BF Homes

LADIES' BREAKFASTS

2nd Wednesdays MAKATI : Nandau Restaurant, Greenbelt
2nd Saturdays ALABANG : Ayala-Alabang Country Club
BACOLOD : Cozy Nook Restaurant
CAGAYAN DE ORO : Kundiman
Restaurant
QUEZON CITY : Max's (Fried Chicken)
Restaurant, Scout Tuazon
near Roces Ave. Q.C.
LAS PINAS : Sunduan Restaurant,
Aguirre St., Phase III, BF Homes
3rd Saturdays CEBU : Fernando's Sunburst Restaurant
Last Saturdays ILOILO : Amigo Terraces Hotel

LADIES' LUNCHEONS

3rd Thursday GREENHILLS : Beijing Gardens,
Shaw Blvd.
(Center for Peace)
3rd Saturdays DAGUPAN : Pinkee's Restaurant

BEING A CHRISTIAN DOCTOR

Jesus K. Ginete, Jr., Makati Chapter

As a pediatrician, one is always confronted with health problems of children, and more often than not, it is the parents' anxieties, worrying and even doubts over their child's illness (or ability to recover) that I have more difficulty in coping with.

Before the BCBP, I had the tendency to rely only on my own capabilities as a physician, based on what I learned from formal education and past practice. During my Baptism of the Holy Spirit, I particularly asked and prayed for the gifts of Wisdom and Healing. I still have to keep myself abreast with the latest in pediatric medicine, attend conference meetings, update with case presentations, but nothing compares to the guidance, wisdom and spiritual healing that come only with my faith in our Lord Jesus.

After my baptism, I have become more confident in my practice in healing the sick. Whether it became a conscious effort or a spiritual guidance by the Holy Spirit, I always take every opportunity to evangelize or spread God's love and message to the parents who understandably tend to be overly anxious and doubtful about the outcome of their child's sickness. Prayer becomes top of my "prescribed" medicines, not only my own but I enjoin the parents, relatives and friends to do the same. Through prayers, affected members of the family miraculously learn to develop an expectant faith and submit to God's will.

Due to the work demands of a doctor, time constraints and fami-

BRINGING CHRIST INTO MY MARKETPLACE

ly obligations, inviting fellow doctors to attend CLPs, breakfast meetings or prayer assemblies becomes a challenging task. However, the physician's work is an evangelizing work by itself especially since I firmly believe that all healing can be attributed to only one Greater Healer - that is, our Lord Jesus Christ.

YELLOW CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Hedy L. Coruna, Cagayan de Oro

My husband and I are graduates of CLP 2 in Cagayan de Oro city in 1991. Since then, we would always see to it that we do not miss any activity of the BCBP. But as a full medical consultant and medical training officer of the Regional Hospital, my duties would almost always coincide with the activities of the Brotherhood; I could not favor one over the other without my conscience bothering me.

I planned to resign from my job and go into private practice. I wanted to have peace of mind and more time for my family and the BCBP. I prayed and asked the Lord for His guidance. I said, "Lord, if you agree with my decision please let me see yellow and violet flowers."

One week after I prayed while we were entering Xavier University Chapel to attend the Sunday mass, my husband nudged me. At the foot of our crucified Lord Jesus was a violet orchid and on opposite sides of the altar were two big vases full of big yel-

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COLOR GOD'S WORLD

Ben-je Alonzo, Alabang Chapter

A week before the school opened last June, I bought John-Paul, my five-year old only son, a box of crayons, but not without a teaching and a warning saying: "This box of crayons is mine. I will lend it to you and you can use it until all sticks of it are used up. Make good use of it and do not lose it. If you lose it, I might not buy you again a new one."

As I fetched him from school, occasionally I would ask him, "How is the box of crayons I lent you?" just to train him to feel responsible for the things entrusted him. And he would reply, "It's here in my bag, Daddy."

Then one day, early in July, I asked the same question again, but instead of answering, he opened his bag and handed me the box of crayons. Receiving it, I was surprised to feel that the box had become unexpectedly light. So, I opened the box and saw that all the crayons inside had become so short, about half of their original length, but with the pointed ends still slightly used.

Wanting to know what had happened to the crayons, I pulled out a few of them and I found out that the bottom ends had gone, obviously broken off. So I asked John-Paul, "What did you do with your crayons, son?"

John-Paul answered, "I broke them, Daddy, because my classmate Jose lost his box of crayons and his daddy might not buy him again a new one. So, I shared him the other halves." Very pleased with what he had done, we passed by a bookstore and I rewarded John-Paul with a bigger box of new crayons.

That night, I thanked the Lord for having given me a wonderful son, for having brought me into the Brotherhood where I was taught the concept of Christian Stewardship. I also thanked God for having helped me in my business and work and for having

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