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BCBP NAT'L COUNCIL FORMED

Manny Bannigan Named Head

Fr. Herb Schneider has announced the formation of a National Council that will govern the overall activities of the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals. Manny Bannigan, presently chapter head of the BCBP Las Pinas chapter, has been appointed president of the council.

The National Council is tasked with directing the BCBP nationally not only in what concerns chapter life and mission but also the BCBP's involvement in the transformation of the market place.

The specific mission to the market place will be channeled through a Guild Council led by Louie Morales, present chapter head of BCBP Alabang. The Manila Chapter Heads Council will be responsible for the strengthening of chapter life. The head of the Chapter Heads Council will soon be announced.

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Manny and Haydz Bannigan give their sharing at the joint breakfast of the Makati chapter July 1 just before Manny's appointment as president of the National Council was announced by Fr. Herb on July 3.

FR. HERB OUTLINES BCBP VISION, MISSION

9 Goals, Action Plans Identified

The vision of the BCBP can be summarized as "full life in Christ for all, particularly for those engaged in the conduct of business and the professions." Fr. Herb in his talk during the July first Friday general assembly said that this "full life" may be expressed in the continuing life process of conversion, commitment and commissioning of the members of the Brotherhood.

A major emphasis of the 'new' mission statement is that of working together to create and promote the support environment in the market place where business people and professionals can become not only good Christians but also agents for justice, equity, and sound development. This working together as disciples

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To be patient in little things, to be tolerant in large affairs, to be happy in the midst of petty cares and monotones, that is wisdom.
- Joseph Fort Newton

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Provincial chapters and the mission groups will be the responsibility of Larry de Larrazabal, present Exec. Director of the BCBP.

Roberto Lavina replaces Rolly Aberion as the Brotherhood's national treasurer since Rolly Aberion will replace Mark Katipunan as chapter head of BCBP Greenhills.

Louie Morales, Larry de Larrazabal, Roberto Lavina and the head of the Chap-

ter Heads Council are members of the National Council. As such they are asked to resign from their present services so that they will be able to concentrate their time in their new responsibilities.

Fr. Herb said that this reorganization is in response to the need for a more structured BCBP organization to meet the vision and mission of the Brotherhood. He stated that the mission of the BCBP leadership team is 1) to provide opportunity and support structures for the evangelization of business people and professionals, 2) to create oppor-

tunities for members to participate fully and in a committed way in the BCBP mission, and 3) to raise the necessary personal, material and financial resources for the organization and its members to develop in line with its vision and mission.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES, NEWS, SHARINGS, AND PICTURES FOR THE OCTOBER-NOVEMBER ISSUE IS SEPTEMBER 8.

CHAPTER SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

August	Alabang
September	Greenhills
October	Makati
November	Quezon City
December	Las Pinas

LAYFORCE SCHEDULES

In response to repeated requests, we are giving you the schedules of some of the courses offered at Layforce. For further details, please contact the National Training Center for Catholic Evangelists with offices at San Lorenzo Ruiz Lay Formation Center, EDSA, Guadalupe, Makati, with tel. 85-49-66/69.

Catholic Lay Evangelization Training:
 August 3-6, 10-11
 September 7-10, 14-15
 October 5-8, 12-13
 November 2-5, 9-10
 December - none

Joy of Discovery in Bible Study:
 July 1 - Sept. 9

Gospel (Values Formation):
 John - July 31 - Oct. 2 (10 Fridays)
 Oct. 9 - Dec. 11 (10 Fridays)
 Mark - July 29 - Sept. 30
 (10 Wednesdays)

**Eyes of Faith
WINDS OF CHANGE**

Kytt Mier, Las Pinas chapter

Changes in the overall structure of the BCBP, reflect the quickening pace of the Brotherhood's movement toward its Mission and its initial response to Fr. Herb's two challenges: (1) strengthening the commitment of members, and (2) having more impact on the marketplace. There is reason for the sense of urgency as we view with concern the decrease in participation in CLPs and the drop in regular membership as reported in 1991. And this urgency and concern gains even more significance as we consider this year's theme: "A Call To Harvest".

The success of any reorganization depends on the level of the members' commitment. So we have to focus first on commitment rebuilding for members through deepening of prayer life, assiduous scripture study, the good example of leaders and encouragement given members to open up to co-members in need. Presumably strengthening in this area would lead to higher attendance levels in BCBP activities, a more militant attitude in evangelization, more volunteers for service and increases in tithes and pledges in support of God's work. The secular tendency is to think that the responsibility for attaining the objectives of an organization's plan rests solely on the organization's leaders. We have seen this in the Aquino Administration where

everybody blamed the national leaders for a variety of ills, many of which could have been effectively addressed through the initiative of a united people. Unfortunately, we were a disunited people, and by complaining without lifting our own fingers to help, we have demonstrated the extent of our "rebellion."

We must face the fact that we are co-responsible for the success or failure of the BCBP's mission, because we can choose to obey or disobey. The nature of our responsibility is clear if we only realize that the new BCBP plans and programs are part of God's Plan for our salvation.

With this, we now understand that the "new BCBP" envisioned can stand up and persist only if we, its members and leaders, demonstrate our unwavering faith in God through our voluntary, active, committed and quality participation in the building of this "new BCBP".

Where do the winds of change blow? The choice is ours. Shall we not conduct ourselves in a way that merits St. Paul's description of the faithful in Ephesus when he said: "...you are of the household of God. You are the house whose foundations are the apostles and prophets, and whose cornerstone is Christ Jesus." (Eph 2:19-20)

FR. HERB

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of Christ will result in a forward impact in business practices, enabling the economy and society in general to be transformed by Gospel values.

Fr. Herb presented to the BCBP general membership a 9-point action plan designed to actualize the BCBP's vision and mission. This plan had resulted from the April vision-and-mission planning weekend participated in by chapter heads, mission heads and other BCBP leaders. This 9-point action plan is summarized in box inset, this page.

This action plan, explained Fr. Herb, will help address some of the present realities and dysfunctions that may have hindered in some way or another the positive growth of chapter life and mission activities over the past few years. The planning weekend had identified some of these as lack of commitment and/or training on part of members and leaders, inconsistent application of policy due to lack of understanding of vision and mission, and no formal government over the BCBP nationally.

Some solutions presented included the creation of a formal government with defined functions and a clear statement of responsibilities and accountability to be handled by BCBP members capable of directing chapter, mission and national concerns, and the establishment of a Secretariat to support the government of the BCBP.

With this formal national government in place, it would then be possible to develop an effective and standardized leadership process, more effective teaching and formation programs, chapter and mission activities - all focused on and in line with the BCBP's vision and mission.

9-POINT ACTION PLAN FOR THE BCBP

Goal 1: Vision and Mission

The Vision and Mission of the BCBP are to be clearly communicated to leaders and members with the different chapter governments taking the responsibility for this task. This shall be accomplished by December 1992.

Goal 2: Chapter Planning

All chapters shall work out chapter development plans that bring the chapter in all aspects in line with the overall plans of the BCBP. Chapter heads are responsible for developing the chapter's plans with their respective governance teams, said plans to be completed by September, 1992.

Goal 3: Overall Government

An overall government for the BCBP shall be established. See related news story, page one, this issue.

Goal 4: Guilds

Guilds shall be established among the BCBP business people and professionals as a structure in aid of transforming the market place. A task force shall be created to work out the nature of a guild, its structure, membership, etc. with the actual guilds targeted to be set up by January, 1994.

Goal 5: Secretariat

There shall be set up a secretariat staffed sufficiently to support the BCBP National Council by August 1992.

Goal 6: A Development Plan

A series of committees will be established that would review and develop the areas of a) evangelization, b) on-going support for members, and c) leadership selection and training on all levels.

The different chapter committees' plans in these areas should be ready by November 1992 for review and approval of the Chapter Heads Councils - Manila and Provinces.

Goal 7: Expansion Plan

A task force shall be set up to study and come up with a five-year plan for BCBP expansion in the Philippines. The chapter's mission director acts as task force head; he is to select his own committee and submit its plans by November 1992 for approval by the BCBP Council.

Goal 8: Integration into the Partners in Mission Network

The National Council will take the responsibility to work for real cooperation and integration with BCBP's Partners in Mission.

Goal 9: Integration of Chapters into Church and Society

The BCBP Council has the responsibility to work out guidelines for the integration of BCBP chapters and groups into their respective dioceses, and into wider government and business world involvement. These would be done with the counsel of the spiritual director of the BCBP, Fr. Herb Schneider.

ALABANG NEWSBREAK

Teaching Ministry Update

Last May the Alabang chapter started a series of teachings on Growth to Christian Maturity Through Prayer for all its members. The program includes such topics as Praying the Scriptures and Meditative Prayer. Concluded recently was a teaching on "Lectio Divina" or Spiritual Reading.

A new teaching technique introduced by chapter head Louie Morales calls for the chapter head to teach the unit and action group leaders in one session. The unit leaders in turn conduct the teaching for their members with the action group leaders serving as facilitators during their regular unit meetings. Then the action group leaders likewise apply the techniques learned during their regular action group meetings.

The chapter plans to conduct courses after this teaching series depending on the need of its members. Among the courses being considered are the Joy of Discovery in Bible Study, and Leadership and Listening Skills. The latter was successfully conducted for the CLP 20 discussion leaders.

Saying Goodbye to Summer

The Alabang Children's Formation Camp-out, held May 30-31 at the Tagaytay Picnic Grove, was a blissful way for the 70 parents and children of the chapter to say "Goodbye" to summer. Ric and Didit Lazatin, head of the Children's Formation, said the weekend of Big Daddies putting up the tents, horseback riding, Lord's Day worship, the daddies and mommies' evening concert, the rains, games, plenty to eat, the cool morning in bed, the visit to the Divine Word Seminary and the Pink Sisters Monastery, was full of the Lord's blessings. The following pictures share some of this abundance of joy.



The kids are all saddled up and ready for the race.



Group dynamics among parents and children helps bring down barriers and promotes better interaction among them.



Worship time followed by the Lord's Day celebration and dinner preceded night time activities of fun, games, songs and bonfire.



Parents keep watch over their children who were still roaming around at midnight. But then, who could sleep with all the parents belting out long forgotten tunes in their "once in a blue moon" down memory lane concert!

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

This catchy phrase has brought a healing balm to thousands of distressed women bothered by an unwanted pregnancy. Josie Sedilla, Alabang Chapter, sent in this update on the Alabang women's social action Pro-life program.

Last June 27, 1992, the Alabang and Las Pinas BCBP ladies observed the first anniversary of their social action activities by hearing mass together and recommitting themselves to Pro-life work before the Blessed Sacrament at the Church of the Presentation of the Child Jesus, BF Homes, Paranaque. Their headquarters is located in URCI Townhouse, Las Pinas.

In June 1991, because "the harvest is great, but the laborers are few," a group of 20 ladies from the BCBP Alabang and Las Pinas chapters answered God's call and formed the Pregnancy Counseling Services. They work in close cooperation with Pro-life Philippines, a non-profit, interfaith organization working for the promotion of respect for human life. The women have received extensive training throughout the year on various topics dealing with abortion, contraceptives, natural family planning, population issues and pregnancy.

During the year, the Pregnancy Counseling Services has handled cases ranging from unwanted pregnancies among married and single women, questions on sexuality and natural family planning, battered wives, incest victims, and referrals to homes for unwed mothers, adoption agencies and other charitable institutions that handle particular cases.

"So the next time you see this ad, please keep in mind this ministry. Please pray for all the people who, in one way or another, are working for this noble cause, for all the endangered babies, all mothers (and fathers, too), as well as all the abortionists," asks Josie on behalf of the BCBP ladies who give their time and hearts to this social action ministry. "We need your prayers."

QUEZON CITY NEWS BRIEFS



Q.C. BCMR participants gather after the Holy Mass for a souvenir photo.

BCMR Completed

Thirteen couples from the Q.C. chapter underwent the Brotherhood Christian Marriage Retreat (BCMR) last June 26 to 28, 1992 at the Manresa Retreat House in Banaue, Quezon City. It was a realization of sorts for most of the participants, allowing them to review their marriage and family life and leading them to the realization that God has a plan for them. God's message became very clear to them through visions and senses which were very pronounced during the group's common worship and prayer.

The participants were: Ed/Ella Ablera, Noli/Shirley Almazan, Cris/Luz Ignacio, Pancho/Nette Jamlig, Loy/Anne Judan, Art/Lita Layug, Emy/Sallie Magdangal, Ding/Leny Mortel, Rolly/Tina Odina, Ave/Lili Santos, Joey/Norma Tabarangao, Cookie/Miles Tendencia and Cesar/Agnes Teng.

Composing the service team were Cary/Mapette Urgino as couple team leader, Ricky/Maan Aragon, Andoy/Joy Tan, Ed/Marivic Pantaleon, Oscar/Helen Ongkiko, Trofy/Polly Lino, Noli/Bong Tiongson, Pete/Del Ignacio and Vic/Claire Fernandez as over-all in charge.

Speakers and sharers were Benjie/Ninette Quinto, Roy Calleja, Romy/Nancy Limuaco, Vic/Claire Fernandez, Louie/Arlene Chanco and Gil/Edith Beltran.

New Appointments Announced

The Q.C. chapter has split the work of the mission director into internal affairs and external affairs with the appointment of Cenen Sambalido as mission director for internal affairs. Cenen will take care of insuring the increase in the number of members in the chapter through the men's and ladies' breakfasts and the CLP and to ensure their spiritual growth through teachings and other formation activities including BCMR and CETP.

Mission director Roy Calleja will now concentrate on external affairs, meaning, he will be in-charge of developing and assisting the regular members of the chapter in their efforts to evangelize their respective places of business or employment through the conduct of Life in the Spirit Seminars, BEST and other outreach programs in response to the BCBP mission of bringing Christ to the market-place. Also included among Roy's responsibilities is the development of new breakfast or luncheon venues and the eventual birth of new BCBP chapters north of Manila. Roy has among his plans the organization of a unit to specialize in outreach evangelization in order to effectively carry out the plans and programs of the BCBP in this regard.

Ben and Lyn Madrono are the new unit leaders. They take over the position vacated by Cenen and Gigi Sambalido. Benju and Edna dela Paz take over Ben and Lyn as the chapter's newest action group leaders.

Vic and Lita de Veyra temporarily take over Fritz and Virgie Nadela as action group leaders as Fritz and Virgie will be away on a foreign trip for a few months.

LSS At RFM

Participants to the Life in the Spirit Seminar conducted by the Q.C. chapter at the RFM Corporation were commissioned last July 11, 1992. They were baptized in the Holy Spirit a week before that. As renewed Christians in the workplace, they will work at developing a deeper and more personal

relationship with the Lord among their co-workers through more LSSs which they will conduct in the future with assistance from the BCBP.

The twice postponed LSS at RFM finally pushed through last June 13 and covered five consecutive weekends. Sessions were held at the RFM Corporation chapel, Pioneer St. in Pasig.

The service team was composed of Roy Calleja, Gerry Tabares, Emy Magdangal, Claro Contreras, Gerry Ocampo, Dodo Sta. Maria, Monching Kagaoan, Vic de Veyra, Benjie Quinto, Junette Sta. Maria, and Lita de Veyra.

CLP #20 Completed

Twenty-five persons made their commitment to serve the Lord through the Brotherhood last July 18, 1992 at the Church of the Divine Mercy in Sikatuna Village, Q.C. at a mass officiated by BCBP Cebu chapter spiritual director Fr. Frank Tucker, SVD. Regular members of the Q.C. chapter renewed their commitment during the same occasion.



CLP #20 participants learn a new song.

Two couples who only had the benefit of a civil wedding came before the Lord for the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony. Alan and Sylvia Cea were wed last July 17 at the Dela Estrada Parish Church; Romy and Rose Concepcion were wed on July 25 at the Kamuning Church.

Among the speakers for CLP 20 were Benjie Quinto, Roy Calleja, Ben Madrono,

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BACOLOD NEWSBEAT

Family Day Fun

The 31st of May was a fun-filled day for the Bacolod members who celebrated Family Day at the Sta. Fe Resort. The day started with a mass, then the introduction of family members per unit, and parlor games.

Highlights of the day were the various games such as the "Bring Me" which required a piece of hair from the legs of Outreach Head Ray Garcia and the drinking contest, with Pepsi, of course, compliments of Tito Butch Ebreo. Both children and their mothers joined in making the longest line.

Special awards were given to the Unit with the highest number in attendance, the oldest member and the youngest member. As expected the singles, younger and more able-bodied than the couples, swept the championship. Kudos go to the organizer, Unit IV led by Butch and Nela Ebreo, for the resounding success of Bacolod outreach's Family Day.

Units Sponsor Outreach Assemblies

Outreach prayer assemblies are now sponsored by specific units resulting in increased attendance, a more varied assembly format and greater interaction among the units and their respective members, reports Ray Garcia, outreach head.

The designated unit is in charge of the format, songs to sing, sharers and scriptural responses. The unit also provides a game during break time which would help members get to know each other better. During one assembly, members were required to eat together in randomly picked groups and, after sharing food, they shared information about themselves.

Music ministry practices see a better participation, too, with members from

the assigned unit-in-charge coming to learn the songs in support of their unit's prayer assembly responsibility.

DOs AND DON'Ts FOR AGLs

1. Bracket your own personal issues. (Don't attack persons whose personal views on issues are not like yours.)
2. Take note of your facial expressions. (Look positive.)
3. Listen to the strengths of the person and mirror it back to him/her.
4. Allow room for your own mistakes. (Reflect on them, do something positive about them.)
5. Do not panic at silence. (During prayer meetings, action groups, etc.)
6. Do not self-disclose for the sake of disclosure.
7. Don't stick to your agenda. (Feel the mood of the group.)
8. Don't moralize or preach or judge.
9. Don't give excessive advice. (Say "I", not "You" or "We").

Formation Meetings for AGLs

Last May, the AGLs monthly formation meetings took a new turn when Mrs. Connie Valderamma, Chairperson of the Campus Ministry and a guidance counselor at the Univ. of St. La Salle, was invited to give the AGLs a half-day mini-seminar on facilitating a small group. She explained the use of the discipline of psychology in leading the AGLs toward a deeper awareness of God's role in their lives as leaders in the community.

The talk provoked motivating questions that led the AGLs in probing deeper into their real selves as God created them

to be. The workshop brought out tips on communication skills (see box on this page). Mrs. Valderamma talked about different levels of disclosure/sharings which AGLs should learn so as to be more effective in motivating their members.

Iloilo CLP #2

CLP #2 of the Iloilo Outreach ended with Commitment Night, August 1, 1992, with 28 brothers and sisters graduating. Added to the 10 couples of CLP #1, the Iloilo Outreach has now the membership base to gradually put in place the various support programs of the BCBP.

The CLP service team was headed by Toti Diaz of Bacolod as Course Leader assisted by Gau and Lory Arancillo of Iloilo. The rest of the team were all graduates of CLP 1: Ed/Carmen Jimenez, chief servant couple; Noel/Tata Amane, music ministry; Jun/Jean Castillo, Tony/Laila Caram, Jimmy/Monina Ascalon, DGLs; Angelo/Marilou Jamora, Pers/Cecil Ailgaen, Ed/Tina Arancillo, registration and secretariat. Bacolod mission head Digoy Montalvo and other Bacolod brothers Diosy Dazo and Roland Yulo were regular attendees. Speakers came from the Bacolod Outreach.

Singles Hold Sportsfest

The Bacolod singles held an all-day Sportsfest on the 27th of June at the covered court of the Univ. of St. La Salle. Following the early morning Mass, the competition began between the White team and the Colored Team as they pitted their skills against each other in basketball, volleyball, track and field events, tug-of-war and various parlor games.

During the victory party at Pat Lopez's house, everyone looked tired but happy, even the White team who lost to the Colored team. Trophies were awarded and in anticipation of next year's games, the teams agreed on weekly work-outs every Sunday afternoon.

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DATELINE DAGUPAN

DAGUPAN 1991 IN PICTURES



Dagupan's CLP #5 pose with their discussion group leaders during the Commitment Night celebration July 20, 1991. 15 couples and 5 single men signed their commitment cards.



On the weekend of October 25 to 27, 1991, at the Bethany Retreat House in Baguio City Dagupan couples and one Q.C. couple gathered for Dagupan chapter's first BCMR. In this picture the BCMR team leaders from Quezon City together with Fr. Polinar listen to the graduates serenade with "Hindi Kita Malilimutan".



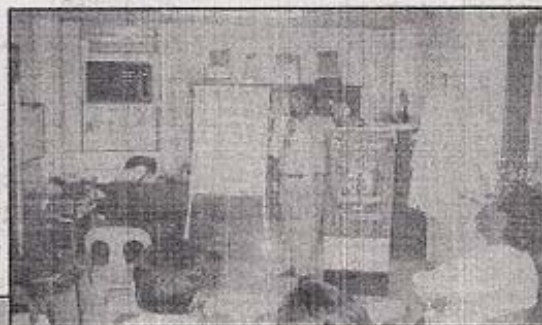
After a hectic weekend, BCMR participants enjoy a fellowship period. As part of the schedule, Fr. Polinar conducted a spiritual retreat for regular members who were not attending the BCMR.

ANSWERING THE CALL TO HARVEST

Our First LSS

Joan Siapno, Dagupan Chapter

Johnny Joel, internist and consultant of Luzon Medical Center, gives the first LSS talk "God the Father Loves You Personally."



Joan Siapno handles one of the women's groups mostly composed of doctors.



Aton Mendoza shares his reflections on Rev. 3:20. He memorized this verse when he had attended the CETP, Catholic Evangelization Training Program.



Trembling, tense and excited were we in the launching of our first Life in the Spirit Seminar for doctors, nurses and non-medical employees at the Luzon Medical Center in Tapuac, Dagupan City. And now we know from this experience that the Lord is true to His words that we should not be afraid to speak about Him because the Holy Spirit in us will take charge to help us complete our task. Praise God!

The eight sessions were conducted every Saturday afternoon by our team led by witty and good-humored Teddy Siapno. Speakers included Tito Meneses, Johnny Joel, Aton Mendoza, Gerry Tavares (who came all the way from Manila just to be with us), Sis. Jo-Ann, Rev. Fr. Jaime Lucas, Parish Priest of St. Therese, Mon Palaganas, Joey Bacupan, and Berns Jimenez. All meetings

were accompanied by our devoted and lively Song Ministry Team headed by guitarist Fred Rosal.

Rev. Fr. Bobby Mejia, our "ever-ready Priest-For-All, Anytime, Anyplace" prepared the participants and heard confessions. Receiving the Holy Spirit session was very memorable and rewarding to us as we saw how the participants responded to the baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were tears of joy, tears of repentance, a few were in deep contemplation, others were praising God with outstretched arms. As we listened to their sharings and love-letters written to Jesus, we know that somehow the Lord had touched them and moved them to open themselves to His loving grace.

Photos by Jean Jimenez, Dagupan Chapter.

LAS PINAS MONITOR

CLP 20 Slated For August

The Las Pinas chapter has scheduled its second Christian Life Program for this year starting on 22 August 1992. CLP 20 is going to be different, says course leader Frank Nuguid who is supported by better half Marissa. The twelve main sessions will be so programmed as to incorporate all the culture talks. The thirteenth session will feature the Commitment Rites of the CLP graduates.

Assisting Frank are Rudy/Puri Eco as assistant course leader, Jimmy/Baby Portiuncula - intercessory group head, and Mar/Belle Ciabal as service team head. The CLP team is in process of selecting the venue with two options available: Benedictine Abbey School or Elizabeth Seton School.

Teaching on Tithes and Tithing

Graduates of CLP 19 and other Las Pinas chapter members together with members of the Women for Christ Outreach led by Rose Padre attended a talk on Tithes and Tithing

on the stormy morning of July 11. The talk was delivered by Las Pinas teaching ministry head Rey Datu at the gym of the Marymount School in Phase 1 of BF Homes Paranaque.

Action Group Leaders' Training

In the afternoon of July 11, action group leaders and members of the Las Pinas chapter together with those from the Women for Christ Outreach stayed on at the Marymount gym to participate in the action group leaders' training. The four sessions of the training program were also handled by Rey Datu.

Year-end BCMR Planned

All chapter members below CLP 19 who have not attended the Brotherhood Christian Marriage Retreat are invited to participate in a BCMR slated by end of this year. Details of the retreat are still being ironed out by the chapter's governance team.

CEBU LINK

CLP #8 ONGOING

Every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart School for Boys' Audio-Visual Room one can find most of the Cebu chapter's members supporting Christian Life Program #8. Orientation began on July 2; baptism in the Holy Spirit is scheduled for Sept. 3; Commitment Night will follow on Sept. 27.

Course leader Jimmy and Ellen Escano head the service team. Their members are: chief servants Lloyd/Myrna Limbaga; secretariat Raymond/Daisy Kokseng; physical arrangement team head Tony/Rose Tagulao; music ministry head Butch Chiongbian; book table committee head Tellie Polotan; intercessory prayer group head Josie Sala.

Discussion group leaders are Jesse/Leah Angbetic, Ernie/Suzette Teves,

Roger/Mila Lucmayon, Rudy/Offie Laput, Tito/Mylin Nemenzo, Art/Malou Malgapo. The single professionals groups are handled by DGLs Nino Fajardo, Ed Osmena, Sharlene Dizon and Diana Acedo.

Assistant discussion group leaders include Eddie/Bebe Bana-ag, Danny/Jojo Kho, Boy/Vitze Kwan, Milo/Linda Montesclaros, Sege/Inday Tan, Henry/Gingging Yu, Pedot Nemenzo, Joel Cahatol, Christine Masangkay and Nanette Estrella.

The CLP talks will be given by Jimmy Escano, Kit Borromeo, Art Malgapo, Stephen Tan, Roger Lucmayon, Mari Martinez, Jojo Veloso, Mar Martinez, June Iway, Willy, Pilar and Ina Puno, Lloyd Limbaga, Tony Tagulao, Rene Congmon, and Ed Lising.

BACOLOD NEWSBEAT

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Singles Hold Prayer Assemblies

The Bacolod Singles hold their prayer assemblies every first and third Fridays of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Peace Fellowship Center. During these meetings culture talks to meet the specific needs of singles are an important feature. Areas touched by the "teaching" talks are "Discernment of State of Life", "Decision-making", "Evangelization", "Spiritual Warfare" and "Commitment as a BCBP Member". Alternating with the talks are personal testimonies and sharings.

Begun last March 6, the assemblies are now open to all singles, whether BCBP members or not. The team leader in charge is J-Ray Sobrepena, assisted by Cornelia "Icoy" Gustilo.

CYA-CLS #1 Graduates Begin CGS

The CYA-CLS #1 graduates from Las Salle (USLS) began their CGS (Christian Growth Series) talks last July 18. These students, who took the Christian Life Series during the summer months, continue to attend the regular Saturday prayer meetings headed by the BCBP singles with team leader Benjie Torre, assisted by May Olorga. BCBP single Paul Henares heads the CGS team and is assisted by Mabel Jereza. The 6 talks will be completed in three weeks.

The BCBP singles look forward to tapping a wider range of students with their new activity schedules. Tuesdays, at 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. (which happens to be the Activity Period of USLS), Carla Gustilo, BCBP-CYA Asst. Coordinator, will hold music ministry practice for the students. On Thursdays, there will be a prayer meeting open to all, especially male students who have ROTC schedule on Saturday morning.

THE POWER OF INDIRECT ADVERTISING

WHAT YOU DON'T SAY CAN SAY IT BETTER.

"Buhayin muli ang palabra de honor, delicadeza, pagkamasinop." That's what the post-EDSA ads of DBP said. What its audience took it to mean-- what we call "take-out"--was what was left unsaid. DBP exemplifies palabra de honor, delicadeza, pagkamasinop and other half-forgotten Filipino values. The same values they look for in a bank.

"Bring him home on the telephone." That's what PLDT said to Filipinos with relatives abroad. But the unspoken message was that a phone company that cared so much about your loved ones road couldn't be all that bad. The ad campaign broke at a time when its expansion program was in place.

How did the audience "read" the PLDT message? Precisely as planned. How did they respond? They flooded PLDT overseas operators with calls. And the "irritation level"--measured by the number of customer complaints--dropped dramatically.

What do you do if you're the sixth largest commercial bank and people think you're in the minor league?

RCBC, whose strength lies in foreign trade financing, espoused a large and relevant cause: to help the country become the next Export Dragon. How? By showing Filipinos the winning ways of some Asian Export Dragons--Japan, Korea, Thailand, Taiwan.

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Thursdays GREENHILLS : Club Filipino, Greenhills
Fridays MANILA: Savory, Escolta
Saturdays ALABANG : Ayala-Alabang Country Club
BACOLOD : Roli's Drive-in Restaurant
CAGAYAN DE ORO : Kundiman Restaurant
CEBU : Fernando's Sunburst Restaurant
ILOILO : Amigo Terraces Hotel
LAS PINAS : Shakey's Pizza Parlor,
Presidents Ave., Phase I, BF Homes
QUEZON CITY : Max's (Fried Chicken)
Restaurant, Scout Tuazon near corner
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PALAWAN : Kamayan Restaurant

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- 2nd, 4th DAGUPAN : Pinkee's Restaurant
Saturdays

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- 1st
Wednesdays MAKATI : Beverly Hills Deli
Saturdays LAS PINAS : Shakey's Pizza Parlor,
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LADIES' BREAKFASTS

- 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 Rocas Ave.
Q.C.
LAS PINAS : Sunduan Restaurant,
Aguirre St., Phase III, BF Homes
3rd Saturdays CEBU : Fernando's Sunburst Restaurant
Last Saturdays ILOILO: Amigo Terrace Hotel

LADIES' LUNCHEONS

- 2nd Thursdays MAKATI : Arc Dates n' Nuts, Jupiter St.,
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New Evangelization: #7
Tita O. Cerdenia



PERSON TO PERSON

course, the same, yesterday, today and forever -- and yet He is ever new. I have come to learn that He still wants to walk the streets and dark alleys, to seek out the lost, the sad and lonely, the depressed and the oppressed, the sick, the hopeless, just to be able to say to them: "Hey, I'm alive! I'm still around. I love you. You are not alone. I am with you."

A security guard sat forlornly at his post, waiting for his shift to finish. Then he would go home and shoot himself. All the wedding arrangements had been made, but his bride-to-be got cold feet and called the whole thing off. Along came a couple of evangelizers. He figured he had nothing to lose by listening patiently to what they wanted to say to him. At the end, they prayed together the commitment prayer to Jesus. A small twig with a blossom bud broke off from overhead and landed at his feet. "She's coming back!" he exclaimed. One week later, he was off to his honeymoon...

We evangelizers also call these encounters "divine appointments" because we believe that our omniscient God who wishes "all men to be saved and come to know the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4) is the One who plans and arranges them from eternity.

My five years in this work has given me a fresh image of our Lord. Jesus is, of

Fear was inevitably present as the evangelizers sat across from the tattooed goon in that little barong-barong in the dark alley. Desperately they clung to the Lord's promise that He would be with them, and He was. The goon, a self-confessed criminal, surprisingly listened intently as they shared the Good News of God's love for him. A refreshing coolness seemed to envelop the evangelizers as they joined hands with the goon in prayer. And then he started shouting. He was on fire, he said. He was burning up! Immediately he begged the evangelizers to bring him to a priest for confession, for the first time in 20 years...

She was a lonely old woman. Her only son left home 25 years ago and she had not heard from him since. She did not even know whether he was dead or alive. So when the evangelizers asked her what special concern she would like them to pray for, it was obvious: that before she left this world, she would at least hear from the long lost son. They all joined hands, closed their eyes in prayer. A knock at the door...and guess who walked in after 25 years!

Fairy tales? Or signs and wonders? These are the very real encounters of evangelizers as they go out two by two, three by three, knocking on doors. This is person-to-person evangelization, or as the evangelizers themselves call it: "hand to hand combat", "eyeball to eyeball evangelization", "street fighting", etc. because in this work they experience the reality of spiritual warfare.

Today, He does this through His modern-day apostles, His evangelizers. And, as mentioned above, miracles do happen every day during these encounters.

When we speak of evangelization, normally people immediately think of

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Tita O. Cerdenia, is a master trainer for CLAYE (Catholic Lay Evangelization Program) and enjoys an active teaching ministry at the National Training Center for Catholic Evangelists, Layforce, Gaudalupe, Makati. She and her husband Pete are presently on leave from the BCBP, Alabang chapter, because of their numerous evangelization activities.

PERSON TO PERSON

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tele-evangelists, mass evangelistic rallies, etc. In the BCBP we of course have Christian Life Programs, Life in the Spirit Seminars and other activities that are

forms of mass evangelization in themselves. There is no denying that there is an urgent need for all forms of evangelization.

Pope Paul VI himself wrote in his encyclical *Evangelii Nuntiandi*: "It must not happen that the pressing need to proclaim the Good News to the multitudes should cause us to forget this form of proclamation whereby an individual's personal conscience is reached and touched by an entirely unique (tailor-made?) word that he receives from someone else" (Par. 46). Vatican II documents specifically state that we, the laity, are called to "spread the

faith of Christ among those with whom (we) are connected by social and professional ties, and this obligation is all the more urgent since so many men can only come to hear the Gospel and recognize Christ through lay people who are their neighbors" (Missionary Activity, par. 21).

Although the Gospels portray Jesus more often than not preaching to the multitudes, He too used the one-on-one approach in evangelization. Remember His dialogues with Nicodemus, Zac-

chaeus, the Samaritan woman at the well? So did the Apostles; remember Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch?

One homilist once described God's gifts as burdens in the sense that they are not meant for us alone but are meant to

I remember a stooped, toothless woman with unkempt hair straggling over her shoulders and the dead look of despair and hopelessness in her eyes, who looked about sixty. I was shocked to learn that she was only 45. She exploded in anger when we began explaining about God's infinite love for her. "If God really cared about me, how come He took my husband away? How am I going to feed my children, much less send them to school?"

Giving the signal for my companions to pray more intensely, I said, "Of course God loves you. You are His daughter. All I know is that this is not the kind of life that He has planned for you. Would you like to know why you are like that?" Taken aback, she allowed us to continue.

Later as she sobbingly committed herself to Jesus, she said, "Now I understand. God never turned His back on me. It was I who turned my back on Him, blaming Him for my husband's death and all my suffering." Her eyes were soon aglow with a new light, she stood straight with new dignity, and her smile lit our lives as she bid us goodbye: "When are you coming back? I have been waiting to hear this for a long, long time. I'd like to bear more." Another miracle of the Holy Spirit at work!

be shared. Baptism in Christ is our gift from God. By virtue of our baptism, we became one of those microscopic cells in the Mystical Body of Christ. We have the responsibility to be healthy cells first of all, and secondly to "contaminate" others around us, especially the sickly ones.

Are you a contaminator? Have you received Jesus and shared Him with others, or are you just keeping Him for yourself? Have you spoken to anyone about Jesus today?

"Is it not you alone, O Lord, our God, to whom we look?" Jeremiah 14:22

QUEZON CITY NEWS BRIEFS

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Dodo Sta. Maria, Obet Ocampo, Vice Fernandez and Louie and Arlene Chanco.

The CLP team was headed by Ray/Raquel Tansiooco as course leaders with Art/Lally dela Cruz as assistant course leaders. Chito/Libay Masayon served as service team leaders with Joey/Norma Tabaranga and Alex/Lulu Brillantes as service team members.

Discussion leaders were J.R./Stella Liaonag, Nonoy/Glecy dela Pena, Ric/Edith Galing, Gerry/Virgie Jimenez and Oca/Mila Balaoing. They were assisted by Emil/Baby Morales, Pancho/Nette Jamlig, Cora/Boy Bautista, Louie/Susan Ferrer and Fred/Ditas Medina.

A warm welcome is extended to the graduates of Q.C.'s CLP 20: Toti/Meg Adejandria, Dennis/Joy Brion, Henry/Linda Buenviaje, Alan/Sylvia Cea, Romy/Rose Concepcion, Norman/Rosario dela Cruz, Frank/Lina Paz, Rolly/Virginia Garcia, Raffy/Yolly Gonzales, Ver/Chato Sagun, Nonelia Sandiko, Antonio Cyril/Lel Solidum, Glen/Girlie Ubaldo.

Expansion Committee Formed

Upon approval by the chapter's governance body a chapter expansion committee was formed by chapter head Benjie Quinto with him as chairman. Members are Louie Chanco, Ben Madrono, Vic Fernandez and Emy Magdangal. The committee is tasked with coming up with a plan and a mechanism to ensure the chapter's geographic growth west and northeast of Quezon City.

Among the committee's concerns will be the development of leaders to handle the areas pinpointed for expansion. The committee will make its report to the chapter leadership during its planning sessions for 1993 in the coming months.

Quarterly Teaching

All regular members of the Quezon City Chapter are reminded to attend the third quarter teaching for 1992 at the University of the Philippines Alumni Hostel on Saturday, August 8, 1992 at 9:30 in the morning.

HAVE YOU PRAYED TODAY?

IS THE LORD'S PRAYER MY PRAYER?

- I cannot say **OUR**
if my religion has no room for other people and their needs.
- I cannot say **FATHER**
if I do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily living.
- I cannot say **WHO ART IN HEAVEN**
if all my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.
- I cannot say **THY WILL BE DONE**
if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my own life.
- I cannot say **ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**
unless I am truly ready to give myself to His service here and now.
- I cannot say **GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD**
if I ignore the genuine needs of my neighbors.
- I cannot say **FORGIVE US OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US**
if I continue to harbor a grudge against anyone.
- I cannot say **LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION**
if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.
- I cannot say **DELIVER US FROM EVIL**
if I am not prepared to stand for the right.
- I cannot say **THINE IS THE KINGDOM**
if I fear what my neighbors and friends may say or do.
- I cannot say **THINE IS THE POWER**
if I do not open my heart to receive the power of God in Jesus Christ and show that power through loving others.
- I cannot say **THINE IS THE GLORY**
if I am seeking my own glory first.
- I cannot say **FOREVER**
if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.
- I cannot say **AMEN**
unless I can honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer."

- Anonymous

Prayer.

As Christians we are taught the importance of prayer from the time our parents led us in bowing our heads and praying for the food before meals, from the time we learned to say our bedtime prayers. We prayed in school, especially if we attended Catholic schools, we prayed during Sunday mass, we prayed when we wanted something very badly.

Now that we are in the Brotherhood, we are committed to pray at least 15 minutes a day. And yet, what do we really mean by prayer? What should our prayer life be like?

One of the first prayers that we learn as children is the Lord's Prayer. In the beginning it is merely a series of holy phrases strung together that someone called Jesus tells us to use. As we grow both in years and spiritual awareness, one by one the words and phrases begin to take on meaning. We think we understand it as we hear sermons preached on it, teachings on its basic principles, and songs sung about it.

I thought I understood it until one day sometime ago I came across this article: *Is The Lord's Prayer My Prayer?* The words and the basic questions they raised struck deep in my heart. And I came into the realization that unless I can pray this prayer (or any prayer) from my heart, sincerely, truthfully, and really mean every word of it, then my prayer is still the prayer of words-strung-together of my childhood.

As I was pondering over "prayer" as a necessary pillar on which my Christian life should be based, I found the thoughts of Fr. Kieran Hynes (*Pray As You Can*) on the three elements present in the prayer of many of today's Christians most thought-provoking. He calls these elements: the "magical" element, the legal element and the "Christian" element.

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The Magical Element of Prayer

By the magical element of prayer we try to control God, or to use Him, for our own benefit. We expect God to do things as we want them done. Our prayers are always heavily loaded with "please, God, give me..." and "O God, I want..." or "God, please make me win the sweepstakes..."

In ancient Greek literature, the drama form was highly stylized. It was common in a dramatic stage presentation, when the plot got too thick, with the characters so entwined in their own machinations, that it was necessary for the writer to bring the play to a satisfactory end through the use of "deus ex machina" or, literally, the hand of God. Something totally unexpected would happen - a lightning bolt would strike down all the villains, or a new character would suddenly appear and in a spectacular fight scene, kill off the bad guys and rescue the good guys. We can even see this happening in some of our movies today.

Isn't our prayer life sometimes like this? We try to manipulate God to suit our self-interests. But obviously, God cannot be manipulated. He is Pure Love and pure love can never be dictated to. He wants us to be more like Him; instead we try to make Him into our own image.

Prayer As A Legal Duty

The legal element comes into our prayer when we see our prayers solely as a duty to be performed. We pray because we signed our commitment card, we pray because someone told us that we must pray if we want God to send us blessings, or because we fear the consequences if we forget to pray.

Scriptures tell us: "These people honor me only with their lips but their hearts are far from me." If we "perform"

our prayer just to fulfill an obligation, arising from human law or Church law, isn't Jesus speaking about us in this passage of condemnation?

The Christian Element

The prayer of a Christian is based on love, not fear, not sense of duty. God is Love. He cares for us. We are His children. When we come to Him in prayer, when we talk to Him from our hearts, we do so as an expression of the personal love and trust we have in Him.

Fr. Hynes says that Christian prayer should flow out of our hearts into the heart of Jesus. It should seek to give glory and honor to God in complete surrender to His Love and His Will. It should not try to manipulate God or bribe Him. It just wants Him to be what He is and that is enough for the Christian.



Our Lady of Medjugorje in her messages to the faithful has repeated over and over that we must pray from our hearts, that we must pray in love and with love. Our prayer is a reflection of how our love for Him is responding to His love for us.

Growing in Prayer

My prayer life has never been very spectacular. Prayer to me was always a

very private affair, just between me and Someone Up There. It was very difficult for me to offer up a spontaneous prayer vocally, out loud, where other people could hear. Even praying before meals took me months before I could manage more than "Thank you for this food."

But I have learned that the more one practices and tries and pleads with the Holy Spirit to help when I do not know what to say, the easier praying privately and praying aloud becomes. And the more I study God's Word, and practice reading those glorious prayers, the Psalms, out loud, the less nervous I become when praying in public.

In my private prayer time, sometimes it is enough to just sit and be contented in the Presence of God. Sometimes when too many thoughts chase each other in circles in my head, I use a favorite prayer book to calm my mind so that the silent voice in my heart can be heard.

For many years now I have been in the habit of briefly summarizing my daily meditations and messages/inspirations from the Lord in a small notebook. Prayer requests and answered prayers are also recorded. For me, knowing that I will be writing something down at the end of my quiet time helps me put my thoughts and those received in the Spirit in more coherent order. During dry times, reviewing my meditations and the words of the Lord to me always serve to encourage and strengthen me and they help me to remember His many blessings abundant in my life.

My faith is strengthened in prayer and certainly praying strengthens my faith.

Prayer. We can read books and articles like this about prayer. We can listen to sermons and talks on prayer. But, I believe, that the only way to really know what prayer is, is to PRAY. And PRAY. And PRAY some more.

Have you prayed today?

Nancy R. Catan

CHAPTER ASSEMBLY!

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ticipants-Who-Want-to-Hear-a-Lecture Twice (SPP). I had a staff of one -- me, and therefore I had no management-labor problems, only communications problems when I couldn't understand myself.

At 3:00 pm, I said, I get a cassette tape from the ASD. I feed the cassette into a Karaoke recorder (which requires a little Japanese to operate). At around 4:00 pm when the CLP Speaker stands before the podium, opens his/her notes, coughs one, coughs two, coughs three... I press on the record-play buttons. At around 4:40 the Speaker stops, steps back and leaves the podium. I then press the stop button. Then the tape goes to the SPP immediately. And my work is done.

Mr. Liwanag said I was under-employed, my job could be given to the Speaker himself or to a waiter or ... He meant I was dispensable, my job could easily be absorbed by ASD for greater efficiency and effectivity. Mr. Liwanag was beginning to annoy me. But I kept my feelings to myself.

I said, when asked, that I was an MBA and a BS (Math) and was associate director of the US Peace Corps. Mr. Liwanag started to laugh. I was overqualified for the job. Mr. Liwanag was getting obnoxious.

Then the conversation shifted to the other servants and other personalities in the CLP, e.g., Dennis, Benru, Boboy, Volet...those making the music, the talks, the registration, the meals ticket distribution, the room set-up, the intercessions, the Mass ministrations, the ketchup running, etc. We talked about the peoples' businesses and professions, their families, their cars, their sports, etc.

At this point I sensed that Mr.



Liwanag was probing into people's motivations, problems, options ... and mental dispositions. In other words, he wanted to know what made people come to this place on Saturdays. Didn't they have better things to do?

Asked how much I was paid for the job, I said more than anyone could afford to pay. He looked at me like he took my answer as insolent. Then he smiled (something like that) and then laughed very loudly. Like he meant I was a fool.

I was irked, I was mad, I was insulted. "Go to hell!" I shouted at the son of a gun. But, come to think of it, if my suspicion was right, my exclamation was useless--the s-o-g lives in hell.

That was the end of the vision. I woke up. It was about time to press the stop button.

This vision was not reported officially to the BCBP authorities, not even to Dennis, the CLP 20 course leader. This is only a private vision, not essential to salvation, and does not deserve ecclesiastical scrutiny. Also, in this narration, I used the name Liwanag. My apologies to those who bear the same name. No offense intended. The fallen angel just happened to carry a name with an allusion to Light, Brightness, Lux, Light, Liwanag....

A DAY AT THE TRAPPIST.....

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Belong to God" complete with taped music all the way to Iloilo. As we arrived in Iloilo, the ferry that we were supposed to take going to Bacolod, had just left.

There we were, the six of us at the pier, looking like lost orphans with plastic bags full of books, religious articles, and bottles of jam which we had bought at the monastery. But we were still in good fighting spirits, believing that God will take care of us. And He did. He sent us friends to take care of us, and He used this experience to bring us closer to one another, and to listen when He speaks to us through each other.

To my action group members Liza, Briggs, Azelle, Bhabes, and Jo: let's not forget Psalm 42:1 - "As a deer longs for running streams, so longs my soul for Thee."

MY ACTION GROUP AND ME

Leeze Chan Cosico, Alabang Chapter

I always look forward to action group meetings -- getting together with the very same people I sat down and shared my life and tears with during my CLP 17, worshipping and praying with people who love and feel for you, who pray as intensely with you and for you during problematic times. The action group meeting is one time when I can really let my hair down, I don't have to put on airs, or impress anyone, or judge nor criticize. I know I can really get genuine sympathy in times of downfalls and sincere happiness in times of success.

My BCBP brothers and sisters are REAL PEOPLE, REAL FRIENDS sent to me by the Lord. And I praise God for His Goodness!!!

CLP #2 Underway

The La Naval outreach's second Christian Life Program got off to a rousing start last July 11 with more than 60 participants registering. All participants are naval or air force officers and their wives based in Ft. San Felipe and Sangley. The CLP is held every Saturday from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Manager's Club, NAVSHIP, sponsored by the Naval Support Command - NASCOM.

Course leader Jun Catan from BCBP Makati reports that the entire service team including the discussion group leaders are from the outreach's CLP #1 who have completed one year of weekly formation and evangelization training. The Saturday afternoon sessions consisted of the BCBP culture talks, the set of teachings on spiritual formation for community leaders, plus the CERP (Catholic Evangelization Training Program) tract. This formation program was done in addition to regular weekly action group meetings and the monthly luncheons that began last February, 1992.

Outreach head Rick Abad leads the service team as asst. course leader and service team head with Tanny Taneo as his assistant service team head. Physical facilities is handled by Wil Agudelo and Jess Mendoza in coordination with NASCOM's Jun Marzan. Emma and Rod Banico and Linda Esmeralda are in charge of Registration and Welcome; Emy Dagunan, Carmen Orio and Joy Taccad run the book table. Nancy Catan provides the handouts while snacks are the responsibility of Baby Tabermio and Cesar Taccad.

Daisy Fernandez, Fr. Livy and Fr. Nani head the intercessory prayer group. Emma Banico and Nene Agudelo are the CLP treasurers. The music ministry is headed by Eyeng Abad and William

Turalde with most of the outreach joining in with enthusiasm. The Makati chapter music ministry team of Art and Susan Olarte are assisting the La Naval music group especially with some of the new songs.

Discussion group leaders are: Dioko/Cynthia Matas, Jess/Mely Mendoza, Tanny/Beth Taneo, Tony/Vely Ylanan, Fely Simbre, Marilyn Turalde and Emy Dayon. They are assisted by Ferdie/Del Dimawala, Tante/Linda Esmeralda, Danny/Li Avellanosa, Gerry/Ines Coronel, Carmen Orio, Ching Tuppil and Ernie Barrozo. Back up DGLs and Asst. DGLs are Rod Banico, Daisy Fernandez, and Baby Tabermio.

Fr. Livy Malagueno, naval chaplain in Ft. San Felipe, and Fr. Nani Ibasco, air force chaplain in Sangley, are the Christian Life Program's spiritual directors.

The Christian Life Program and formation series of the BCBP have the approval of Most Rev. Severino M. Pelayo, D.D., military bishop of the Philippines, and Col. Gorgonio C. Zapatos, Jr., AFP military chaplain, as well as the chief naval chaplain Msgr. Eduardo L. Eleazar. Together with Vice Admiral Mariano Dumangcas, they serve on the La Naval outreach's Central Command. Other members of the Central Command are Capt. Danny Avellanosa (Ret.), Capt. Walter Briones, Cmdr. Estrella and Santos of N-7, and Jun Catan of the Makati BCBP. The Central Command heads the table of organization for the La Naval BCBP Outreach and Christian Life Programs.

Members of the Executive Committee are Bros. Divinagracia, Dario Fajardo and Sibayan with the C.M.O.s (civil military officers) of NASCOM, NRDC, NTC and Phil. Fleet composing the Steering Committee.

LA NAVAL NEWS



Top: Shares at June luncheon.

Bottom: Members join in response song praising God for His goodness.

6 Sharers At June Luncheon

The June joint luncheon of the La Naval Outreach on June 27 was unique in several ways. Firstly there were six sharers who gave their mini personal sharings, 10-15 minutes each. Secondly, all of the sharers were from the La Naval outreach's CLP #1 and it was the first time that any of the CLP 1 members had given public sharings.

The sharers were (in picture l. to r.) Rod Banico, William Turalde, Emma Banico, Cynthia Matas, Fely Simbre and outreach head Rick Abad.

Chito Gonzales of the BCBP Makati in his discernment after the sharings commented that "truly the Lord has touched our hearts today in a powerful way. We have seen victory in suffering and victory in life with Christ in action in the lives of our sharers." Vic Cuna, another Makati member who regularly attends La Naval activities, described the afternoon as "another exhibition of the Lord!"

We apologize for lack of pictorial coverage of the BCBP's 12th anniversary in this issue. My film with all the pictures on it was defective and none came out. - Editor

CHAPTER ASSEMBLY!

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Chapter Assembly!
Chapter Assembly!
Why did they have to schedule
it early and on a Friday night?

The LORD (speaking to my heart):

My son, it is I who have
scheduled it early and on a
Friday night. For I call you
to leave your work and
concerns, now, that you may
find true rest in my bosom
in the company of your
brothers and sisters.

I want to hear you sing to me.
I want to hear you adore me.
I want to hear you talk to me.

Then I'll be speaking to
you there. And I want you
to listen to me that I may
nourish your soul with my
words. For I know that you
have been very tired
from working.

So I will let you drink of my
Spirit that your strength may
be restored. Then you shall
go home refreshed, strong,
and filled with confidence
in my loving care.

Go now, my son, for I'll be
waiting.

MYSELF: Yes, Lord, I'm going.

GOOD, BETTER, BEST!!

Henry Yu, Cebu Chapter

Joining the CLP was one of the good things that happened in my life this year. It was actually something I had always wanted to do; in fact, it was my plan to join a charismatic group or become a lay minister when I reach the age of 49 or 50. But now I realize that we do not plan our own lives. Our Lord, who is everywhere around us, does.

If the CLP was one of the good things,

then the BCMR was the better thing because it did not only touch me as an individual, but also as a couple with my wife and as a family with our children.

Since I already have the good and the better things, what then is the best thing? Well, it is still to come and that is growing in the Spirit, with the Spirit. Let us all praise God for that!

MAKATI UPDATE

Ladies Celebrate 10th Year

The Makati ladies celebrated their tenth year of luncheons and breakfasts on Wednesday, July 1, with a joint breakfast at the Beverly Hills Deli, Greenbelt, Makati. Emceed by Annie Salvador, the traditional red rose was presented by Emma Ona to those ladies with perfect attendance and who had rendered special services in one way or another to the Ladies Luncheons. Sharers during the year were also acknowledged. Nancy Catan and Marite Calixto were cited for having brought the most number of first timers to the luncheons.

The couple sharers for the morning were Manny and Haydz Bannigan who greatly inspired the standing-room-only group with their life sharing and insights into how the Lord works in our lives.

The morning's celebration ended with a raffle of prizes contributed by each unit and a rousing round of songs led by the chapter's revitalized music ministry.

The Makati ladies' luncheons will resume on the second Thursday of August at Dates 'n Nuts, Jupiter St., Bel Air, Makati, with Susan Olarte as sharer.

Planning Session Held

The governance team, unit leaders and action group leaders of the Makati chapter gathered on the two Sunday afternoons of July 26 and Aug. 2 at the Phil. Columbian for leadership training and chapter planning. Rollie Ona, Ronnie Caballero, and Nancy Catan gave the leadership talks while Jun



The music ministry's breakfast team enthusiastically lead everyone in joyful songs during the 10th anniversary celebration of the ladies luncheons of the Makati chapter.

Catan led the group in examining the chapter's activities and realigning them according to the "new" vision and mission of the BCBP.

BCBP Breakfast Now in Escolta

The BCBP Men's Breakfast previously held at Malacanang has transferred venue to downtown Manila in order to reach more businessmen in the downtown commercial area. Weekly breakfasts beginning August 7 are now held at the Savory Kitchenette, corner Escolta and Jones, every Friday morning.

This move was made in preparation for the holding of a Christian Life Program for businessmen and professionals based in the downtown Manila area. Whereas before previous emphasis has been more on the evangelization of the Makati-based businessmen, now the chapter's governance team is looking forward to developing a stronger Manila base.

CLP #20 Begins August 26

Makati chapter's CLP #20 opens late August at the Philippine Columbian Association, Plaza Dilao, Paco, Manila with the Wednesday sessions beginning at 6:30 p.m. Course leader is Vic Cuna.



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**Character is what a man is;
Reputation is what he is thought to be.**

**Character is within;
Reputation is without.**

**Character is always real;
Reputation may be false.**

**Character is a man's own soul;
Reputation is in the minds of others.**

**Character is what gives a man value
in his own eyes;
Reputation is what he is valued at in
the eyes of others.**

**Character is his real worth;
Reputation is his market price.**

SIDNEY N. BREMER

ONE MINUTE MEDITATIONS

Fernando de Larrazabal

(1)

"The gift you have received, give as a gift."
(Matt. 10:8)

If you have experienced the love of God, it's only fitting that you give it to others. God works through people, and it's through them that His love is made evident.

There are so many who need to know Jesus and experience His love. You can be an instrument to make this possible. God has commissioned all those who have received His love to make it available to others. First your family and those dear to you, then all those whose lives you can influence. Jesus looks to you to accomplish this mission. Christ is counting on you - don't fail Him.

(2)

In the decade of the eighties, we have witnessed the spread and scourge of drug abuse. Lives have been ruined, particularly those of the youth. No country is free from this menace.

Drug addiction knows no social distinction nor age levels. It is always more difficult to treat older persons, because they are more set in their ways, while the youth are more apt to change.

As parents, we should examine ourselves, whether we are proper role models for our children. They see some of their parents smoking, drinking and taking prescription drugs. If it's good for their parents, certainly it should not be bad for the children. Can you refute this argumentation? Setting good examples is a duty of parents. Scripture tells us that whatever we sow, we shall reap. You will have to account much for the mistakes of your children. Think about this.

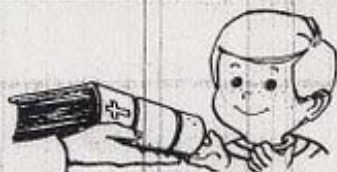
TRAVELING BY THE HIGH ROAD

Ellen Escano, Cebu Chapter

"The just man travels by the high road, safe from harm, watching his path anxiously as he values his life."
Proverbs 16:17

I always had in mind that we are constantly blessed, guided and protected. I was so aware of that fact that a mere prayer of protection would be far from my mind due to my firm belief that our God won't fail us and He will not allow harm to overcome us.

It was on that fateful Sunday afternoon when I said to myself the Lord was not on duty for we had a vehicular accident. But I was wrong for together with my husband and our 9-month old son, we were spared from serious injuries. He had indeed saved us.



Being parents of a 4-year old, Bobby and I decided it was time for him to learn the traditional prayers: the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary and Glory Be. Prior to this, I had been praying for guidance on how to introduce prayer into my young son's life. So we started with the Our Father, going on to the next when he had more or less mastered it. This was done just before bedtime.

Little did I realize we had established a prayer time for him. And the wonder of it all, Raphy took to it like a fish to water. After mastering all three, he started to include his "prayer requests" before launching into the prayers. And when he saw Bobby and I doing our readings, he asked to include readings from his Bible, too. So it has now become a full-fledged prayer time, complete with Scripture readings.

It's funny how the Lord works be-

This passage from Ecclesiasticus has truly inspired me:

*I have seen many things on my travels
I have understood more than I can
put into words.*

*I have often been in danger of death, But
I have been spared, and this is why:
The spirit of those who fear the Lord can
survive, For their hope is in someone
with power to save them.*

*The eyes of the Lord watch over those
who love Him, He is their powerful
protection and their strong support,
their screen from the desert wind,
their shelter from the midday sun,
guard against stumbling, an as-
surance against a fall.*

*He revives the spirit and brightens the
eyes, He gives health, life and bless-
ing.*

GROWING

Tisha Lloren, Cebu Chapter

cause his youthful enthusiasm has humbled and inspired me, so much so that I gained a renewed enjoyment in my own prayer time. The teacher had become the student. Every night he never fails to call me to join him in prayer and no matter what mood I may be in, how tired I am, I drag myself off to his room. And always, I leave in awe of a young child's innocent devotion.

It has spread to other areas in our lives, too. When given a choice, Raphy selects praise and worship tapes to listen to. And no matter where we are, he constantly reminds us to say grace every time we eat. He even gets upset if no one wakes him for the morning rosary.

How wonderful the Lord is that even through the little ones, He teaches us. I now pray that this may be the beginning of a beautiful relationship for Raphy and the Lord, one to last a lifetime.

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ENJOY GOD'S PEACE

THANK YOU!

I was deeply touched with the lovely hand-made plaque of appreciation given me on behalf of the Brotherhood by Fr. Herb during the BCBP Anniversary celebration. I will always treasure its inscription:

May the blessings of the LOVE
you share with others...
fill your days with PEACE...
and your heart with SONG!

From the depths of my heart I would like to thank Fr. Herb, the chapter heads, BCBP Exec. Director Fernando de Larrazabal, and all those who have, in one way or another, encouraged, supported and nourished me in my work as Managing Editor of the KAPATIRAN.

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To All Of You, My Heartfelt Thanks. May God Shower You With His Abundant Blessings.

Nancy R. Catan

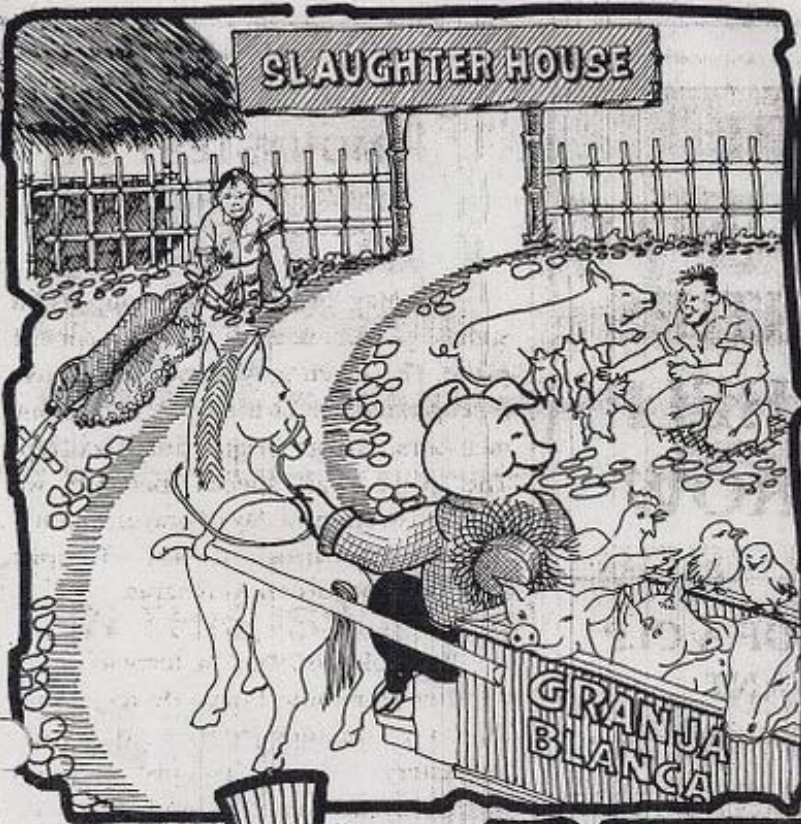


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**CHAPTER ASSEMBLY!
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Ben-je Alonzo, Alabang Chapter

MYSELF: It's five o'clock

and I still have something to finish. Nida reminded me this morning to be home early for the Chapter Assembly at seven thirty.

If I leave the office now, the traffic will still be light and I'll probably be home before six, and may even have a bite or two of the sandwich she'll be fixing.

But this momentum of executive energy is really driving me to get this work over and done with.

But if I tried to finish this and stayed in the office for a few more minutes, surely the traffic would catch up on me and I'd be lucky to reach home before seven.

Then I'd be tired and hungry and I would rather have dinner than a sandwich and coffee.

And having had my dinner, I would feel lazy, wanting to take off my shoes, stretch out on the couch, forget the world, and take a nap.

Then Nida would be tapping me, waking me up from my most precious rest, saying, "please get up now for we'll be late again!"

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**BCBP
COMMUNITY
ACTIVITIES
THAT HELP
ME GROW**

**A VISION OF A CLP
SERVANT**

Eduardo C. Adriano, Alabang Chapter

I was a servant in the CLP 20, Alabang Chapter, at the Ayala Alabang Country Club, April-July 1992.

A vision came to me in one of those Saturdays of the CLP. Having heard the topics during my CLP, I had an excuse to wander in the mind and talk to demons. In other words, I kind of fell asleep and found myself talking to Mr. Liwanag (whom I believe was Lucifer disguised).

The introductions were genial and friendly and led to the subject of what I was doing in the CLP. I said I was the Sounds Recording Engineer. My Department was directly under the Audio Systems Division (ASD). The Department services the Secretariat for the Participants-Who-Missed-a-Lecture and Par-

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**A DAY AT THE TRAPPIST
MONASTERY**

*Menzie L. Montelibano,
Bacolod Outreach*

Last May 24 our action group had a special prayer meeting at a very special place. The meeting was special because it celebrated the birthdays of two of our members, Briggs Brigoli and Liza Yap. The place was special because we decided to spend a day of prayer, meditation and sharing at the Trappist Monastery at Jordan, Guimaras.

We took the 7:00 a.m. ferry to Iloilo, another 30-minute boat ride to Jordan, then a 15 minutes jeepney ride to the monastery. The Trappist monks hospitably welcomed us and Bro. Inaki directed us to a shed a little separated from the rest. We spent the next two hours just listening to the Lord talk to us and giving each other a chance to be in the "Circle of Love", an activity that requires group members to say positive things to every one in the circle. After our prayer meeting, we spent a few minutes in their bamboo chapel.

We would have liked to stay longer at the monastery enjoying the solitude and peace, but God had other plans and we had a 4:00 p.m. ferry to catch. When the monks took us to the Jordan pier, the ferry to Iloilo was 30 minutes late. We did not worry, instead we sang "We

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SHARING THE SAME EXPERIENCE

Gene Cordero, Makati Chapter

What do I like best about our action group? Friday's household meetings are something I always anticipate with mixed feelings. Aside from looking forward to sampling the latest culinary experiments of our undiscovered gourmets in the brotherhood, I like the aura of elation and amity emanating during our meetings.

Action group meetings, to me, are revivals of the early Christian sacred tradition wherein the disciples of our Lord met in secret, under penalty of death if caught while in congregation. The sense of being a link in this long chain of communion with our Lord as initiated by the disciples, gives more meaning to what seemed like non-essential



rituals before. Our action group, and all action groups in the BCBP, I'm sure, share in this experience of keeping alive this early Christian tradition.