

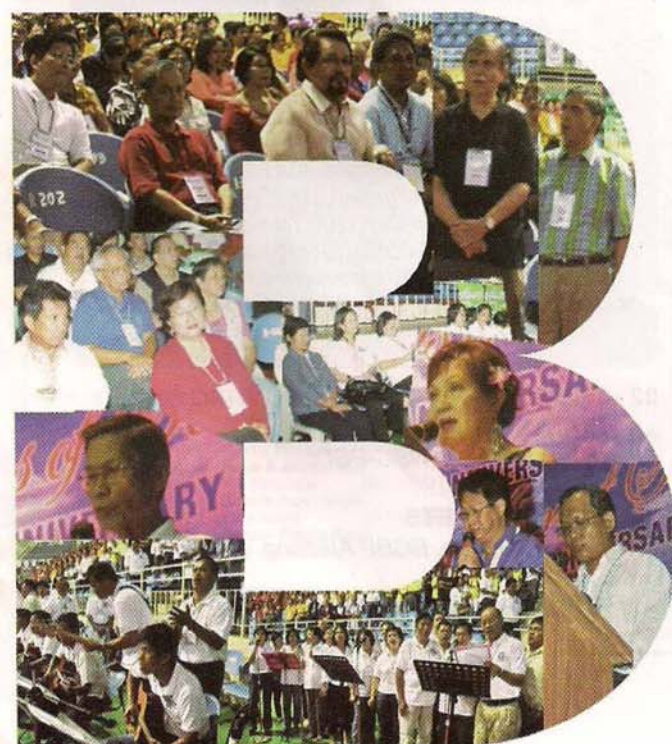
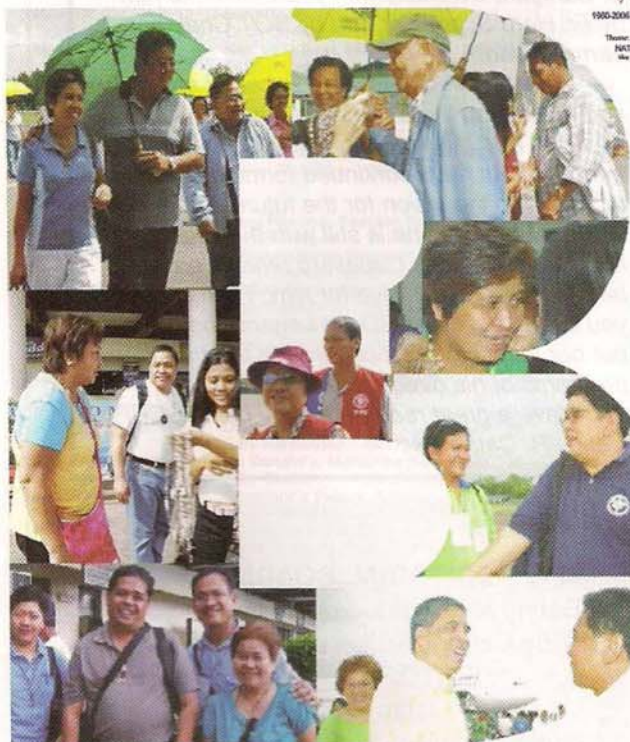
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This issue we focus on the BCBP's 26th Anniversary recently held in Puerto Princesa last May, featuring pictures, sharings, and a recap of attendance. Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical "God is Love", the basis for Bishop Ariga's homily during the anniversary's Mass, is addressed in my Back to Basics. We are now looking forward to next year in Cagayan de Oro!

In memory of BCBP's first president Manny C. Banigan, we share with you tributes to him by Fr. Herb Schneider and by BOT Chairman Larry Veloso.

We begin in this issue a series of sharings and articles on the BCBP Then and Now, how its vision and mission came about, how the three NSPRs have continued forming BCBP thrusts, and the vision for the future. Tatang Louie tells us why he is still with the Brotherhood, while Ronnie Caballero reflects on what has kept the BCBP alive for him. Then to keep you updated, NSC-PSD Art Legarde helps us put our faith into practice through the four key programs of his directorate.

Have a great read and enjoy being BCBP! - Nancy R. Catan

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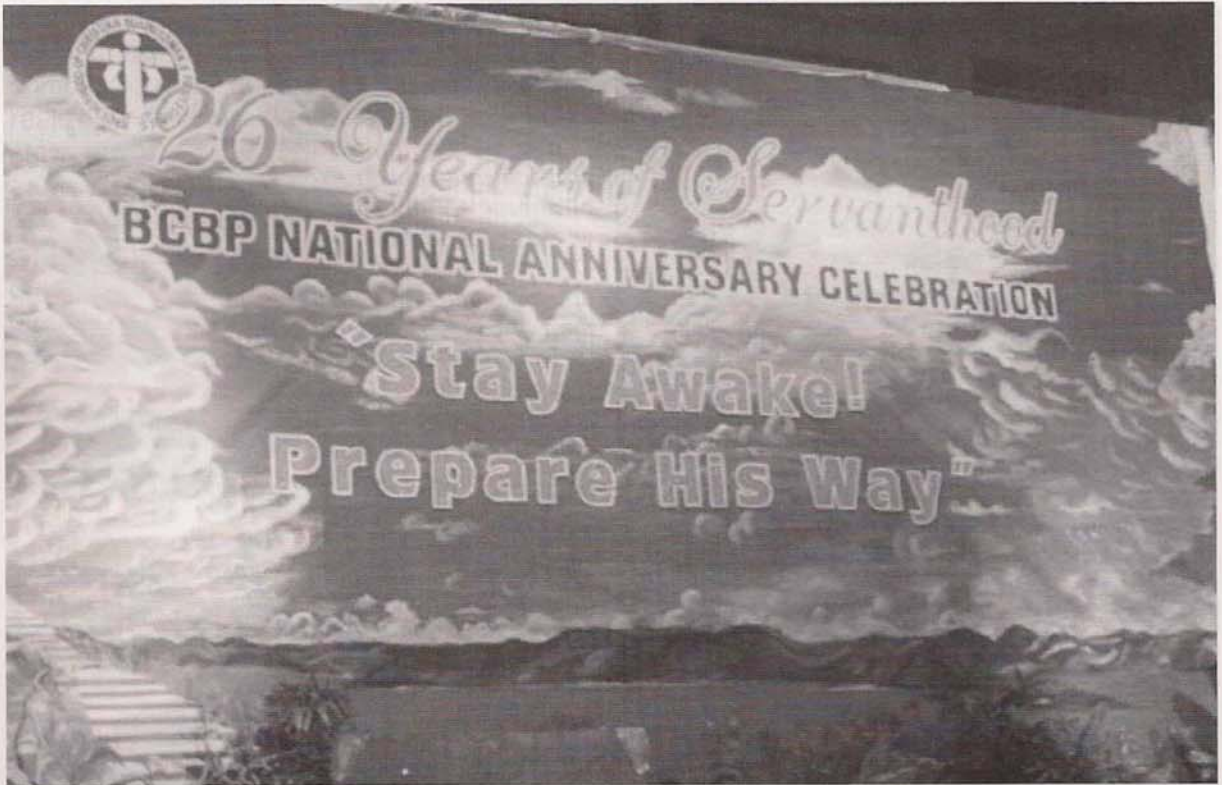
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Every Anniversary – A Call

This year's theme "**Stay Awake! Prepare His Way!**" – **Matthew 24:42-51** is a call to constantly reflect and ponder on what is happening in our lives and to seek to know what God is trying to tell us through them. It is

a call to look at the ordinary things in everyday life and ask how God reveals Himself through them. It is a call to be vigilant, to be ready to encounter God in ways that we have not expected.

Let us take a look at our own lives.

Do we spend regular time each day to reflect on what is happening in our lives and to seek to know what God is trying to tell us through them?

Do we read the Scriptures and meditate on the Word of God each day, allowing the Word to reorient us to God and His activity in our lives and in the lives of those around us?

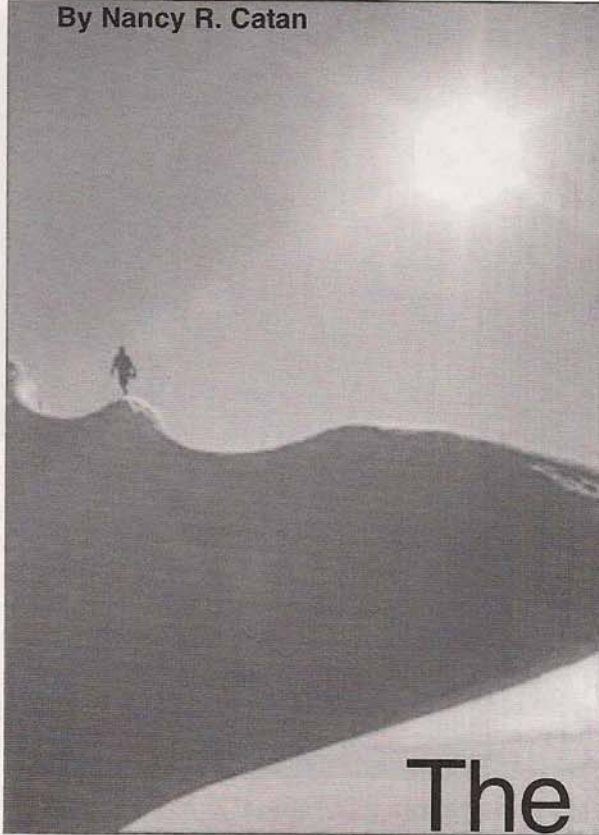
This 26th anniversary is an appropriate time for us to renew our commitment to the Lord and to each other, to live as followers of Christ, always vigilant and ready to encounter God in the people, places and events that He allows to come our way each day.

On behalf of our BCBP Board of Trustees, I would like to thank our Puerto Princesa chapters for ably hosting this year's celebration. Our appreciation also goes to PPC Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn for the

gracious welcome and generous hospitality he extended to us. And to all those who answered the Call and participated in one way or another in the preparation, the actual celebration weekend, and the fun and fellowship, may the good Lord bless you abundantly as you continue in your service to Him in the BCBP. All glory is His!

Larry Veloso
Chairman, Board of Trustees

By Nancy R. Catan



Bishop Pedro D. Arigo D.D. began his homily during the Eucharistic Celebration, May 13, BCBP's 26th anniversary in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, with the provocative question: "You are businessmen and professionals who are supposed to be Christians. Are you real brothers and sisters to one another?" He then discussed Pope Benedict XVI's first Encyclical, Deus Caritas Est, God is Love. This Encyclical is a MUST read for all BCBP members. I would like to share with you some of the Pope's thoughts in his own words about Deus Caritas Est, from the "The Secret of Love" and "Why I Chose Love as the Theme of My First Encyclical", February 2006 issue of Documentation Service.

The Secret of Love

"In a world where the name of God is sometimes associated with vengeance or even a duty of hatred and violence, this message (of love) is both timely and significant. For this reason, I wish ... to speak of the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others.

Today the word "love" is so tarnished, so spoiled and so abused, that one is almost afraid to pronounce it with one's lips. And yet it is a primordial word, expression of the primordial reality; we cannot simply abandon it, we must take it up again, purify it and give back to it its original splendor so that it might illuminate our life and lead it on the right path.

Faith must become a vision-comprehension that transforms us. I wished to underline the centrality of faith

in God, in that God who has assumed a human face and a human heart. Faith is not a theory that one can take up or lay aside. It is something very concrete. It is the criterion that decides our lifestyle. Thus, in this Encyclical, the subjects, "God," "Christ" and "love" are welded, as the central guide of the Christian faith. I wished to show the humanity of faith ... that man is created to love and that this love, which in the first instance is manifested above all as *eros* between man and woman, must be transformed interiorly later into *agape*, in gift of self to the other to respond precisely to the authentic nature of the *eros*. ... The essence of love of God and of one's neighbor described in the Bible is the center of Christian life, it is the fruit of faith.

It is necessary to understand that the totally personal act of the *agape* cannot remain as something merely individual, but, on the contrary, it must also become an essential act of the Church as community. ... her charitable activity. This activity, in addition to its first very concrete meaning of help to the neighbor, also communicates to others the love of God, which we ourselves have received. In a certain sense, it must make the living God visible. The strength of "Caritas" depends on the strength of faith of all its members and collaborators.

We wish to address a couple of very concrete questions for Christian life. The first question is: Is it possible to love God?; more than that: Can love be something that is obligatory?

Is it not a feeling that one has or does not have? The answer to the first question is: Yes, we can love God, given that He has not remained at an unreachable distance but has entered and enters into our lives. He comes to meet each one of us: in the sacraments through which he acts in our lives; with the faith of the Church, through which he addresses us, making us meet with men touched by Him, who transmit light to us; with dispositions through which he intervenes in our lives; also with the signs of the creation he has given us.

Not only has he offered us love, above all he lived it first and knocks on the door of our hearts in many ways to elicit our response of love. Love is not only a feeling; to it also belong the will and the intelligence. With his Word, God addresses our intelligence, our will and our feelings, so that we may learn to love him "with our whole heart and our whole soul." We do not find love, in fact, suddenly all ready; instead, so to speak, it matures. We can learn to love gradually, so that love will involve all our strength and will open the way to an honest life.

The second question is: Can we really love our 'neighbor' when he is strange or even disagreeable? Yes, we can, if we are God's friends, if we are Christ's friends and, in this way, it becomes ever clearer that He has loved and loves us, though we often turn our gaze from Him and live according to other criteria. If, instead, friendship with God becomes for us something ever more

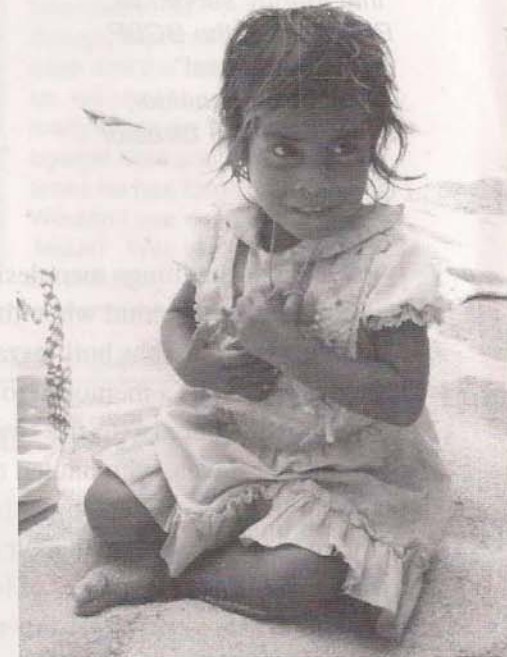
important and decisive, then we will begin to love those whom God loves and who are in need of us.

In the second part (of the Encyclical) there is talk of charity, in the service of the communal love of the Church toward all who suffer in body or soul and are in need of the gift of love. Two questions arise: Can the Church leave this service to other philanthropic organizations? The answer is no. The Church cannot do so. The Church must practice love toward the neighbor including as a community; otherwise, it would proclaim the love of God in an incomplete and insufficient way.


The second question: Would it not be better to promote an order of justice in which there are no needy, and charity would become something superfluous? Undoubtedly the end of politics is to create a just order in society, where what is proper to each one is recognized and where no one suffers from abject poverty. In this case, justice is the true object of politics, as peace cannot exist without justice. By her very nature, the Church does not engage in politics in the first person; rather, she respects the autonomy of the State and of its institutions.

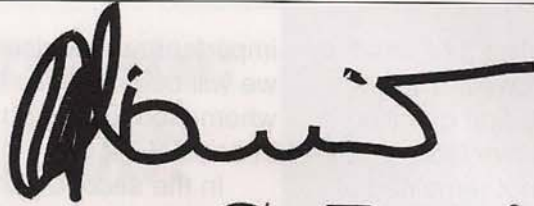
The search for this order of justice corresponds to common reason, just as politics is something that affects all citizens. Often, however, reason is blinded by interests and the will to power. Faith serves to purify reason, so that it may see and decide correctly. Therefore, it is the

task of the Church to cure reason and reinforce the will to do good. ... The Church corresponds to Christians involved in public service to always open, in their political action, new ways for justice.



However, I have only answered the first half of our question. The second half, which I like to stress in the Encyclical, says thus: Justice never makes love superfluous. Beyond justice, man will always need love, which alone is able to give a soul justice. In a world so profoundly wounded, as the one we know in our days, this affirmation does not need demonstrations. The world expects the testimony of Christian love that is inspired in faith. In our world, often so dark, the love of God shines with this love.

The more we take God's love consciously and clearly as gift, the more effectively will our love change the world and awaken hope, a hope that goes beyond death." 



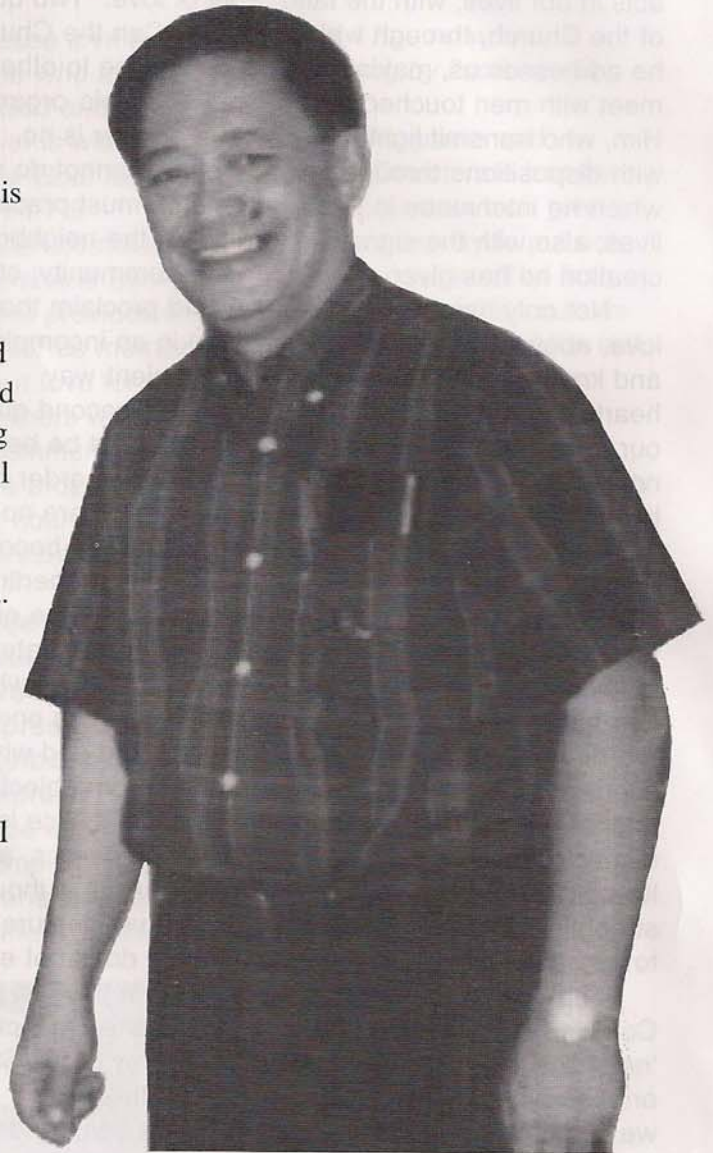
Manny C. Banigan BCBP President 1992-1999

"Here is my short Tribute for Manny Banigan. I picked out only one of the many very important contributions that Manny and Haydz made throughout all the time that Manny served as President of the BCBP. God bless!"
Fr. Herb Schneider,
BCBP Spiritual Director

One of the things men desire above all is to leave a legacy behind when they pass on. The Egyptian Pharaohs built pyramids that today still stand as a memorial to their achievements, but also to the sweat and blood of countless slaves, who hauled the stones and put them in place. Others hope that something of themselves will live on in their children. Still a third group have left works of love that still continue to serve and assist others long after the founder has been called home to the Lord.

Manny Banigan together with Haydz, his wife, have left a legacy of a unique kind in the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals. Manny became President of the BCBP after the directorship of Larry de Larrazabal and served in that capacity until the year 2000, when Louie Morales succeeded him.

Manny and Haydz shaped and defined the role of the President of the BCBP in a unique and lasting way. If I were to characterize their service, it was above all a ministry of presence. During Manny's term, there was no chapter installation, transfer of leadership from one chapter head to another without the presence of Manny and Haydz. Both attended every single important event of chapters and outreaches throughout the Philippines. They did this consistently despite work obligations and the demands of being present as well to their growing children.



After his stint as BCBP's president from 1992-1999, Manny continued to serve God through the BCBP as its chairman, BOT despite his struggle with cancer until he passed on to be with our Lord Dec. 14, 2005. His wife, Haydz and children Tosca, Myron and Tiara remain active in His service.

To: Manny, a dear Friend, Brother, and Mentor:

Thank you, Manny for being my role model in the BCBP -- showing me the way to live as a BCBP member and servant leader.

Thank you, Manny for showing me the meaning and value of community -- always being there for one another, in good times as in bad times, to support and encourage one another.

Thank you, Manny for helping me to realize that the most precious things in life are not things but persons/relationships -- my personal relationship with my God, with members of my family, with my brothers and sisters in the community, with my neighbor.

Thank you, Manny for teaching me the way to serve the Lord -- not to seek or aspire for any service but to make myself available when and where the Lord calls me to serve.

Until we meet again, so long and God bless!



--Larry

Larry Veloso
BCBP Board of Trustees Chairman, and
NSC Formation



The result of their ministry of presence was a first-hand knowledge of the BCBP nation-wide. Manny knew the strengths and weaknesses of the BCBP like no one had before him and this knowledge allowed him to nurture strengths and to firm up weakness. Much of it was just done by his quiet presence, his encouraging smile, and gentle admonition.

Manny, however, was not afraid to speak the truth in love and to stick to it even at the cost of being spoken of badly. When problems cropped up, he would not send anyone else, but would handle it himself. He was not afraid to give firm direction and hold people to it. I believe Manny's courage to speak the truth in love, but also to hold people to the truth, allowed the BCBP to grow, develop, and spread far and wide during his term of service without losing sight of its vision and mission.

The love of Manny and Haydz for the BCBP, shown in making themselves available to the brothers and sisters throughout the Philippines, has shaped and determined the presidency of the BCBP. Every subsequent president's service would first of all have to be a ministry of presence. Louie and Lilli continued the example of Manny and Haydz. They too came to all major

events of BCBP chapters and outreaches and were enabled to lead, because they had first-hand experience of where the brothers and sisters were at. Manolet and Carla Siojo and now Bobby and Marite Laviña as well have and are following the direction that was set by Manny and Haydz.

I praise the Lord for Manny and Haydz. They have become a lasting example that service is not just doing this for people, or just giving advice and direction, but is above all being personally present in love, understanding, support, and encouragement and to stand with them in the common life and mission. May Manny, who is in the presence of the Lord, intercede for all the leaders in the BCBP and win for them the grace to have time for those they serve, the strong and the weak alike.



The Bible on "LOVE"

"The Church is alive with the love enkindled by the Spirit of Christ. This love does not simply offer people material help, but refreshment and care for their souls." *Deus Caritas Est, 28b.*

We offer you a selection of bible passages that reveal the love of God and the kind of love He expects from us. Read them, reflect on them, and share your insights with your action group/family:

- How can I best describe my love for God?
- How has God shown His love for me? Give concrete examples.
- In what ways am I able to demonstrate love of neighbor?
- Am I effectively living a life of love?

Exodus 19:4-6	Jn 14:21, 23-24a
1 John 3:1-2	Luke 6:27-36
Isaiah 43:1-4a	Romans 5:5-8
1 John 4:7-21	John 13:34-35
Psalms 8:5-10	Rom 8:29-35, 37-39
John 21:15-17	Col 3:12-17
John 3:16-17	Rom 12:9-10, 13-21
Revelation 2:2-5	Eph 5:25-30, 33

Vatican News



Business Owners Must Avoid Worker Exploitation says Pope

Business owners must avoid every form of worker exploitation and they must recognize the importance of family life for their workers, Pope Benedict XVI told 8000 members of Italy's Union of Christian Entrepreneurs and Business Executives.

The pope said that upholding the importance of people in the workplace and in the world of business, and respecting their needs and talents are values that "often risk not being pursued by business owners who lack solid moral inspiration." The pope lauded an initiative by a group of young entrepreneurs to meld their business acumen with Catholic social teaching.

Citing his first encyclical, "*God Is Love*", the pope reminded his audience that justice and charity are "two inseparable facets of a Christian's social duty" and that the lay faithful must work for a just ordering of society. He said the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* is a useful and educational tool for all people who "intend to let themselves be guided by the Gospel in their professional and work-related activities."

The pope praised a "charter of values" drawn up by the union's youth association saying he most admired placing value on each person "for who he is and what he can give, according to his talents, shunning every form of exploitation" of the worker. The pope also praised the recognition of the "importance of the family and of personal responsibility." So as to better adhere to what the Church teaches about social justice in the workplace, the pope said it was crucial that business owners "nurture and renew" their Christian formation and education. *Reprinted from Sangguniang LAIKO ng Pilipinas "Laity Newsletter", April-June 2006*

WOMEN – the Wind Beneath the Brotherhood's Wings

By Edel Mapile, BCBP Manila

We have just celebrated the month of March as National Women's Month with March 8 as the International Women's Day. Then in May we observed Mothers Day. Women like us in the BCBP feel elated and at the same time challenged with the responsibilities of being a woman, a wife, and a mother.

In Scriptures God tells us, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." God says so. Woman was designed perfectly to complement the other human, the



man. I believe this is why in the Brotherhood the women's role is invaluable and indispensable. Why?

We are excellent in multitasking – earning a living, housekeeping, raising family, serving God in the BCBP, keeping our spouses happy. In the Brotherhood we take a back seat

to the brothers' headship, but with our own style, we influence. By our substance, we create our own small miracles, many times producing something out of nothing. With limited resources, we can keep things going. By our mere presence, we give life to a gathering.

Don't get me wrong. We are not superwomen. We do not hesitate to ask help from our sister friends. We recognize our weaknesses alongside our strengths (at least most of the time).

All these qualities we owe to God's empowerment of women to be a "suitable partner" to the brothers. I like to believe that we are the wind beneath their wings.

The Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals (BCBP) is a calling, one which I can - and will - never abandon because it has become my way of life.

This explains why I, Tatang Louie, as fondly called by friends and peers in the BCBP, have been with this Catholic charismatic group for the past 23 years.

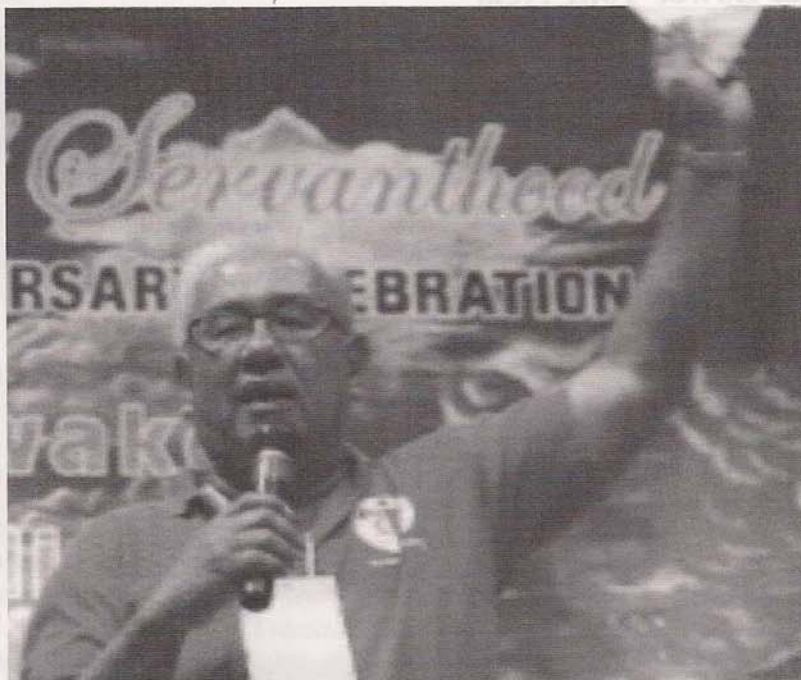
Let me put it this way - the BCBP has become a way of life. I practice it and I have learned from BCBP. I admit I was literally struck with the BCBP, not by coercion, but by choice. By this, I measure the BCBP not by human standards but by how near it has brought me to the Lord.

In this light, BCBP must be a way of life...

"Those remained faithful to the teachings of the Apostles, to the Brotherhood, to the breaking of the bread, and to Prayers." Acts 2:42.

The BCBP taught me to evaluate myself, not in terms of positive matters but by taking small steps in the journey toward fullness in Christ. I recall a speaker stressed: "You belong to a body of Christ... practicing and living it not some days but every day of your life. You live it the BCBP way all days not just on Sundays."

Another hallmark of the BCBP way is selflessness, a selflessness that is explained this way: "You grow in the service of the Lord with the BCBP. It teaches you to love and live for others.



"Why Am I Still With BROTHERHOOD?"

By Louie Morales, Former BCBP President

Selflessness gives you a measure of how you give of yourself loving and caring for others."

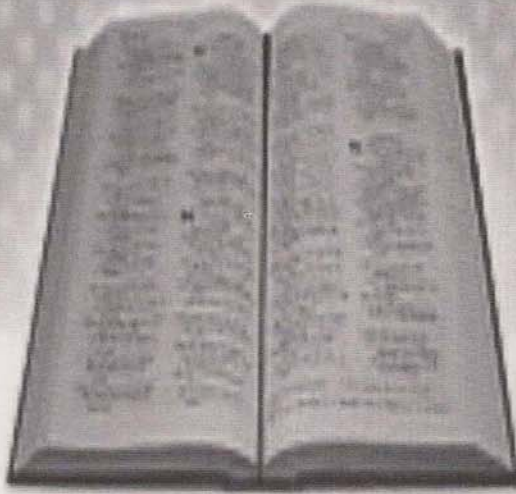
It's this caring for others that prompted the concerned leaders and members of the BCBP to establish the Eco-Reach Foundation inspired by Isaiah 58:6-7. The Foundation has launched a micro-lending program which has become the Brotherhood's flagship program to assist the poor and, at the same time, evangelize them to become active members of the Christian community.

The Eco-Reach program aims to help the housewives or "nanays" in poor communities earn extra income to augment the earnings of their husbands by lending them a

minimum of P2,000 to set up small businesses or expand existing ones. This is not a doleout. The program aims to empower the poor nanays and help them help themselves.

With the estimated extra net earning of at least 100 pesos a day, the nanays can then buy extra food for the table and buy clothes or provide allowance for their children going to school, among others.

All of these go into the fulfillment of Christ's mission on earth and make it a way of life for the Brotherhood and its members. For, in the final reckoning, "The verdict in heaven is not how much you have amassed here on earth but how much you have given of yourself to your fellowmen".



FULL LIFE AS I KNOW IT

Ronnie Caballero, BCBP Makati

In the beginning was the Word; the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God. He was present to God in the beginning. John 1:1

Church history truly highlights the importance of God's WORD in bringing the faithful through many more trials and crisis through the years that have tried to rip apart the very foundations of our faith.

During my early years in the BCBP in 1986, the Christian born-again movement was very prevalent. In its evangelization of Catholics it was common to receive the challenge "Are you

saved?" several times a week as you walked the streets. How many of us were tongue-tied, brow-beaten and embarrassed by these tactics. But instead of denying our Catholic faith it led me to study with a passion all aspects of our faith and the Word in order to have a more firm foundation.

That was for me a time of SIGNIFICANT AND PROFOUND CHANGE!!! After the BCLP in 1986, what really got me interested were the teachings that followed. Aside from totally dedicating all my Fridays to the BCBP, the BCBP was never short on

what it had to offer anyone who was seeking to be a man after God's own heart. From Bible Studies, Look, love & listen, to Seven Steps, Lectio Divina, leaders retreats, AGL training, there were the rich general and first Friday assemblies, charismatic masses, full and bursting with God's Word.

With meaningful service, things shifted to high gear as our spiritual director sought to define the community's VISION & MISSION. He led us to make our own personal mission statements while undertaking 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, eventually leading into Steward Leadership. The Steward Leadership Training helped me to get in touch with my innermost core which allowed me to "detect" my personal life mission as integrated and running parallel with God's plan for me in the BCBP. It made me realize that my growth in character and integrity had a lot to do with how I could touch lives in responding to God's call in mission in the BCBP.

This was a time I witnessed great transformation, sacrifice and self-giving never seen before in other brothers and sisters in the BCBP. With a modest army of steward leaders, BCBP underwent the biggest expansion nationwide ever imagined. If you ask me what full life in Christ was



about in MY LIFE, I would tell you about those very days when loving the Lord was central to my life and being the person he wanted me to be was the biggest ideal of my life and serving the community was most fulfilling in the company of other steward servant leaders.

Today on some days when commitment among BCBP members seems weak, when attendance in activities goes down or worship diminishes in fervor, or zeal in evangelization grows cold in BCLP's or breakfasts, one cannot help but think: What is it that really makes the BCBP, THE BCBP? What can we do similar to that of the early Christians that resulted in making the Church, THE CHURCH? It is really incredible how Rome, once the seat of Christian persecution, was transformed to become the seat of the Catholic Church by the blood of its martyrs. From the

underground catacombs to the Basilica of St. Peter, it is now the biggest church on the face of the Earth.

For the BCBP, is it possible to isolate that one activity or direction which institutionalizes the BCBP, which keeps alive in every member its Core Values, Mission & Vision? What makes the BCBP grow, expand and deepen through the years?

At this juncture I would stick out my neck and say that it is the LOVE OF GOD'S WORD that keeps the BCBP alive! Easier said than done? True. How many Bible teachings, series have we seen come and go? How many charismatic communities have come and gone? I believe the answer still lies in the BCBP curriculum leading to STEWARD LEADERSHIP. Why? Ever since our spiritual director, Fr. Herb Schneider S.J, introduced the Steward

Leadership Series into the BCBP, it has grown leaps and bounds under a modest army of inner-driven steward servant leaders who were able to integrate their love of God, His Word and community INTO THEIR VERY LIVES. Their personal mission and vision statements included their dedication to the Lord and His mission and this was a very powerful tool to bring into evangelization and community building as the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen & Professionals grew and grew and grew.

As the pagan Roman Empire stood frighteningly invincible before the first Christians, the marketplace in the second millennium likewise casts its shadow over its BCBP evangelizers. Will we overcome and conquer the same for Jesus? I challenge you to search your inner core — if you find a steward servant leader there, then you already know the answer. 

Celebrating of Community

BUILDING A HOUSE

Activity for Action Group gatherings:

Without letting the members compare notes, ask them to do the following:


a. Think: if you were a part of the house what part would you like to be? Write it down on a small piece of paper; once written you cannot change it.

b. Do: Draw the part of the house that you would like to be on a large piece of cartolina or whiteboard. Let each one add

to the one house as his turn comes.

c. Share: Why would you like to be that part?

Now look at the drawing. Are all the parts of the house present? What is lacking? Which area of the house has a surplus of parts?

Discuss: What connection does this activity of building a house have with our community? What are your insights from this activity? How can each one of us help create a stronger community, a community that celebrates the fullness of life in Christ? 

Preparation is Everything

Preparation is everything. A student who does not prepare for the exam is doomed to get a failing mark. A soldier who fails to prepare for battle is quick to retreat and surrender. A politician who fails to prepare for election is wont to cheat (or could cheating be his preparation?).

Preparation is everything. When God created man and woman, He prepared everything there is in the world for them. And therefore we have Creation. When God sent His son Jesus into the world, He prepared the womb of the Virgin, blameless and immaculate. And therefore we have Redemption. God has also prepared you and me. And therefore, this 26th Anniversary, 26 years of servanthood through the BCBP. It is all a matter of preparation.

Why do we prepare? Because Someone is coming. Because we love the One who is coming. This preparation then is only possible in the name of love and in the context of loving. There is no substitute for a loving heart that is pure before Him.

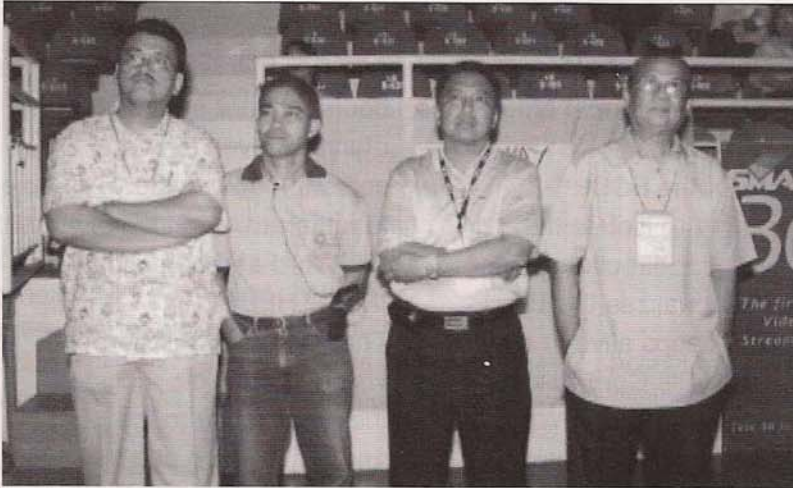
How much do you love Jesus? How much do you prepare for Jesus in your workplace? In your profession? In your business transactions? In your family? In your community?

How will we prepare? How should we show our love for the One who is coming? Stay awake! To stay awake means to remain, to stay focused, to be attentive at all times to what God is saying ... to every word that comes from Him. It is not to betray. It is never to leave. It is to be faithful, to be honest, even if others are not, others will not, and others cannot. As a member and leader in the BCBP community, am I faithful in manifesting care and love to others?

Santi Marquez

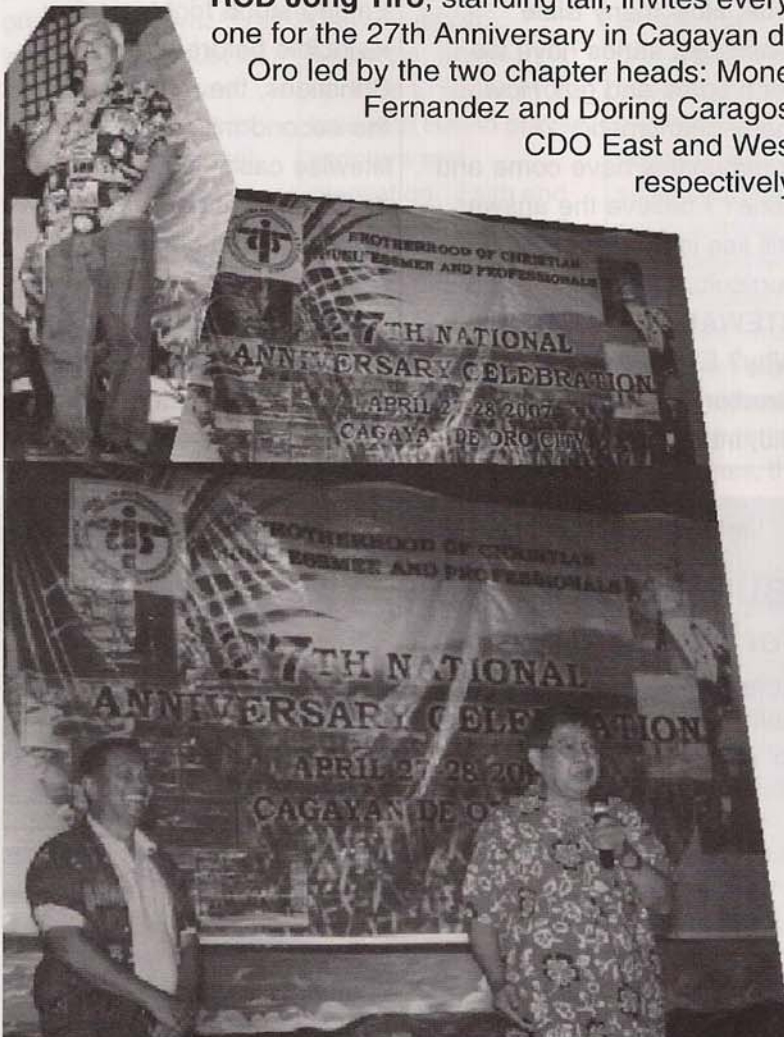
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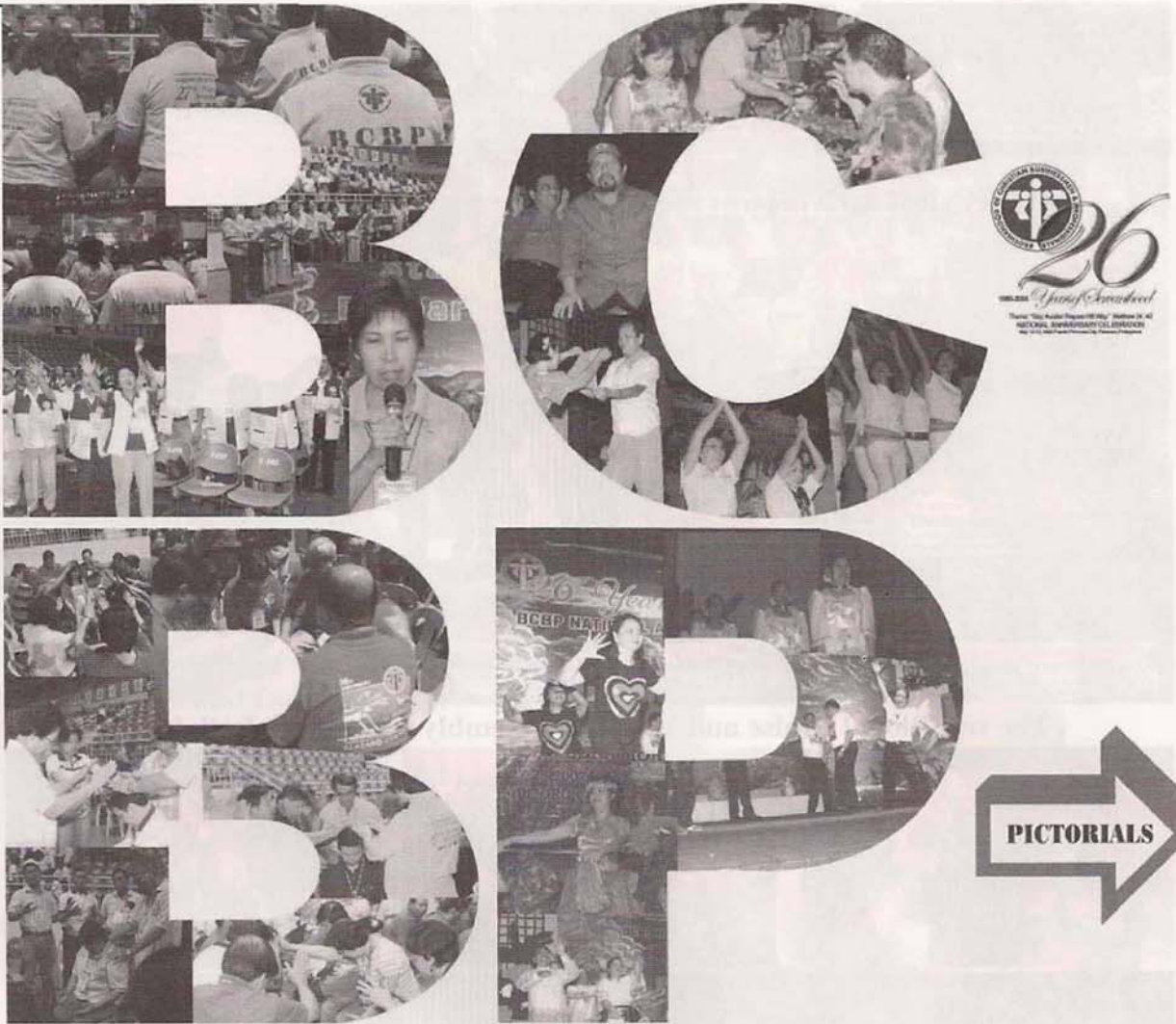
Exhortation in response to Breakfast Sharings



NOW AND THEN. The fab four who were at the forefront of the preparations and hosting of the 26th Anniversary Celebration: Ed Ahorro, Overall Coordinator, Celso Quiling, Co-Chair/Secretariat, Gerry Abrogar and Concep Magay, Chapter Heads of Puerto Princesa North and South.

RCD Jong Tiro, standing tall, invites everyone for the 27th Anniversary in Cagayan de Oro led by the two chapter heads: Monet Fernandez and Doring Caragos, CDO East and West respectively.





“Stay Awake! Prepare His Way!”

We are watchmen at the gates, the sentinels of the night – stalwart, vigilant, alert. We are the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals.

Let us respond to the kinetic energy of our call to **STAY AWAKE!** — to keep the fire burning, to guard against evil. As Christ’s soldiers we fight the worldly evils of graft and corruption, the unbridled greed that tramples justice, the extreme selfishness that blinds men to other men’s

humanity. In the arena of the marketplace, we heed this urgent call to arms – “Stay Awake!”

We stay vigilant in order to **PREPARE HIS WAY.** As John the Baptist cried out in the wilderness: “Make straight the way of the Lord” (Jn 1:23), we in the BCBP are called to prepare the way of the Lord in our own personal and family lives, in each of our respective marketplaces to transform these areas into places worthy of Our Lord.

*“Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.”
(Ps 27:14) While waiting, stay awake ... prepare His way!*

Gina Gamboa-Tan
BCBP Puerto Princesa North



And they start arriving...

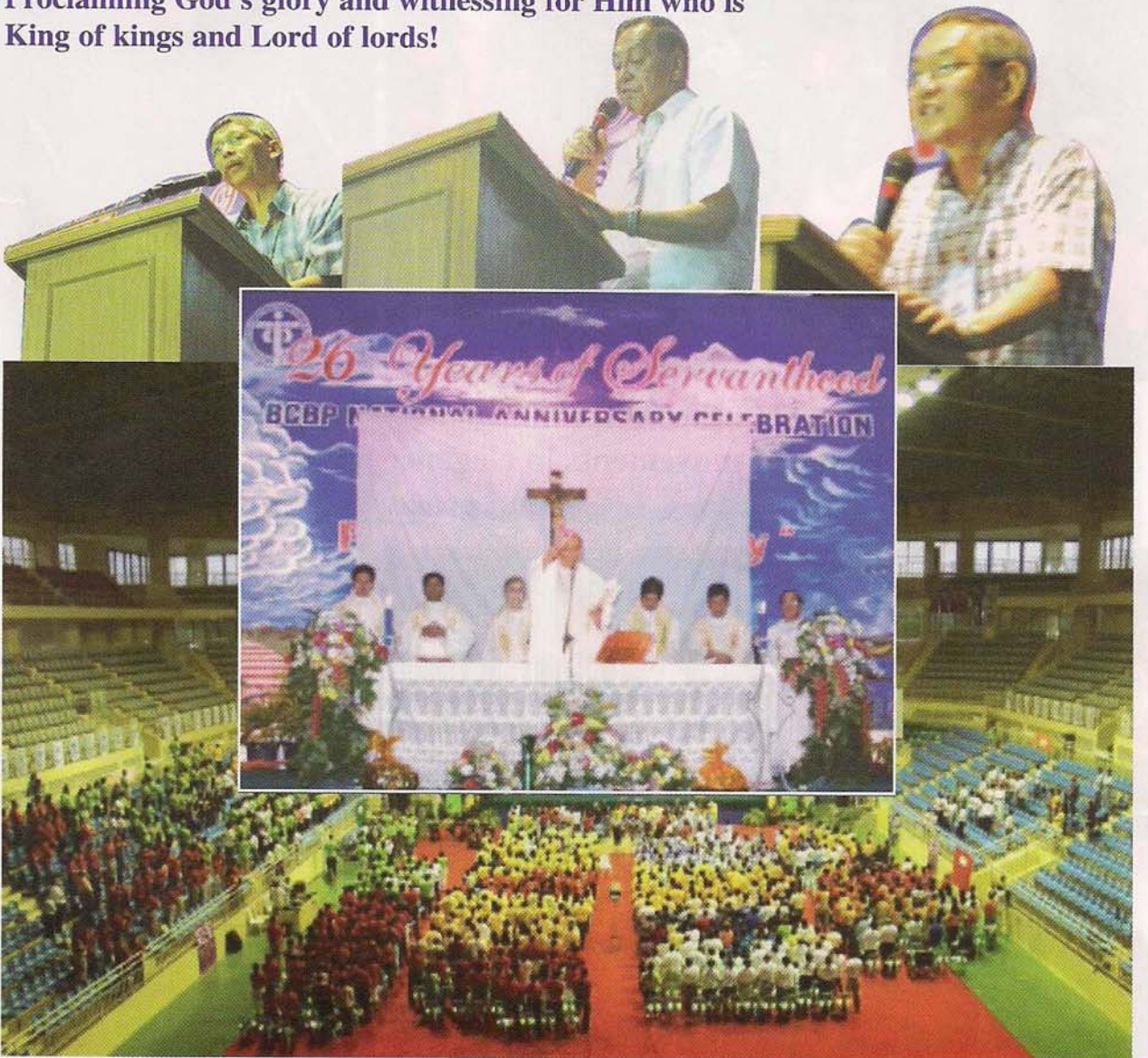


The traditional Praise and Worship Assembly started the festivities





Proclaiming God's glory and witnessing for Him who is King of kings and Lord of lords!



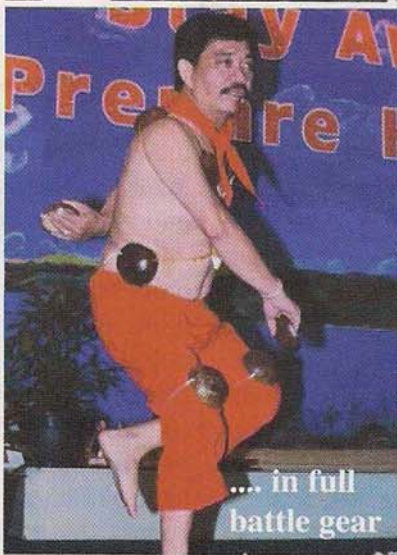
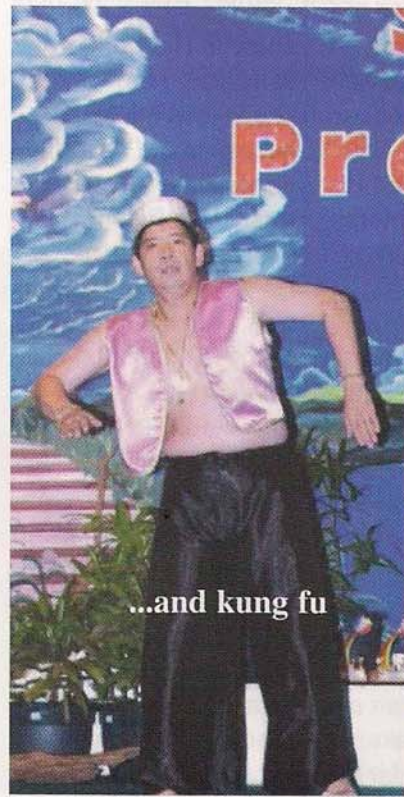
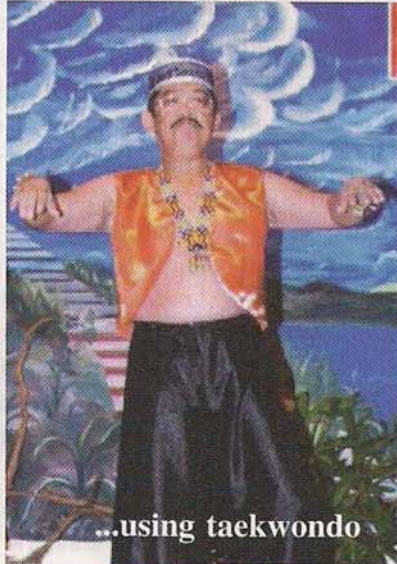


**They trip the light fantastic toe,
a colorful display of movements in elegance
and grace.**





The men of Jesus Christ, ready for battle -



“Do Not Be Afraid...”

Up to about 20 years ago I was what the Church sometimes calls a “practical atheist”. I did not deny there was a God, but I often lived as though He did not exist. He was not relevant to my daily life, He was way up there and I felt there was no way I could reach Him. My prayers were mostly memorized, what I had learned from my mother and from school. I was proud, selfish and greedy, doing whatever was necessary just to get my way. I knew about the Lord Jesus but I had no personal relationship with Him. Naturally I could not trust Him, for how could I trust someone I did not really know.

My work was my #1 priority; it was my “god”. My life was built around it. Consequently my life was full of worries, fears and anxieties which led to health problems and sleepless nights. I became irritable and short-tempered; my relationship with family members was affected. I felt like I was living in a pressure cooker, ready to explode anytime.

Then in 1983-1984 the Philippine economy went into a nose dive.

Business was bad, interest rates for our bank loans skyrocketed up to almost 50%p.a. Almost all of our properties were mortgaged, everything seemed hopeless. With nowhere else to go I began my journey back to God through the Blessed Mother by attending mass and the Wednesday novenas to our Mother of Perpetual Help.

In 1985 the Lord led me to a renewed Catholic group, Adelphos, where I decided to spend more time with Him in prayer, scripture and meditation. Faith and trust in the Lord began to replace my fears and anxieties. In 1987 I had a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus when through the prayers of my prayer group, I was healed of stones in my gall bladder.

The Lord was preparing me for the BCBP’s coming to Cebu the following year. I was asked to be part of the organizing group and became BCBP Cebu’s first emcee, then a speaker in the BCLP, the BCMR, even giving other teachings. Chapter headship followed in 1993. I was always hesitant to



accept new service assignments. But in prayers, the message I got was consistently – “Be not afraid...” And so throughout the years I have remained active in His service in the BCBP.

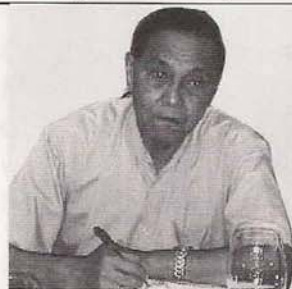
Looking back, the Lord has been faithful to His Word. He has always been with me providing for all our needs, guiding me in all my decisions, and taking control of every situation. The more I came to know Him, my fears lessened and the more I trusted Him. The more I trusted Him, the more I experienced His faithfulness. The more I experienced His faithfulness, the more I surrendered my life to Him.

Yes, there were trials and difficulties, too. But I have learned to take these tests as part of the purification and strengthening process, a means to grow in virtue and holiness, actual blessings from the Lord. He uses them to touch me, to embrace me and to allow Him to take control. No wonder the

great saints were always asking for more trials from the Lord!

Today, each new day continues to challenge me to live in a whole new way and not go back to my old ways. That is why I need to spend regular time each day to reflect and ponder on what is happening in my life and seek to know what God is trying to tell me. Jesus knows my heart, He knows my doubts and fears and weaknesses, but He commissions me to share in His work of salvation. He challenges me to believe in the impossible, to totally trust in his Risen Presence within me. He calls me to listen, wait, watch and be ready to encounter Him in ways I have not expected. He tells me: “Do not be afraid. Stay awake and prepare My Way. Be ready to go whenever and wherever I call you. Be not afraid!”

Yes, Lord, I will stay awake, prepare and be ready for your call. Praise God!



God's Ways Are Not Our Ways

Greetings of Godly peace to you all!

My early life was lived in a good Catholic environment. Although I lost my mother at a very tender age and grew up under the care of our eldest sister, my mother had invested her short time with us instilling in us the desire for worship and dedication to Christian teachings. She taught us to be strong and to surrender our lives to the God she so dearly loved.

After college I was employed with well-respected companies that demanded focus, discipline, dedication and exemplary performance. Even though I changed employers a few times, I was always lucky to land premium positions that were the envy of many. Compensation was extraordinary, benefits were way above standards, and I was able to travel all over the country and to some countries abroad. But I was destined to anchor my roots in Iligan City.

With my employment at its peak, I found romance and married Nenen, who made symphonies in my heart and my life complete. I rejoiced even more with the coming of each of our six boys. Everything was gloriously beautiful; I felt so assured and formidable. Life was truly good, so what more could I ask for?

With all this going on in my life, I never forgot God, but gone was the intensity and complete trust that I had had as a motherless child and as a young striving graduate. I began to believe that these accomplishments and laurels were what I had earned and deserved. I felt nothing could rock my boat. The Lord knew differently.

Martial law was declared and we found ourselves in a sinking boat. The company was dollar-based and despite our extra efforts it folded up. Jobs and friends were lost and many relationships began to crumble. I

was unprepared and my confidence began to disintegrate. My anger and frustration in many instances brought great pain and tears to myself and my family. To add to my predicament, all the six boys who were in exclusive schools in Manila continued to drain my dwindling income.

Acceptance of the reality was slow in coming. I questioned God. I tried to bargain with Him. As time went on I realized this was His way of drawing me back to Him and readying me for the BCBP.

Joining a charismatic movement like the BCBP was farthest from my mind. But as time went on I discovered I enjoyed relearning my basic Christian education. BCBP became the avenue for my renewed commitment to Christ. Nenen and I found ourselves rewarded with wonderful experiences as a Christian couple through the BCMR. And I began my service in the Brotherhood.

But the Lord was not yet through with us. Our youngest son was diagnosed with leukemia. We directed all our efforts to his treatment, we called our friends and BCBP brothers and sisters to petition God to give our son a new lease on life. We lost our son. God in his wonderful mercy took him to prevent him

from suffering further the pain of his illness. Finally, we realized that once we place our trust in the Lord and fully surrender our lives to Him, He will take care of us. God's ways are not our ways, but now I know that God knows best.

Let me end this sharing with this poem from an unknown author aptly titled "And God Said NO".

*I asked God
to take away my pride, and God said
"No." He said it was not for him to
take away, but for me to give it up.*

*I asked God
to make my sick child whole, and
God said "No." He said his spirit is
whole, his body is only temporary.*

*I asked God
to grant me patience, and God said
"No." He said patience is a by-
product of tribulation, it isn't granted,
it's earned.*

*I asked God
to give me happiness, and God said
"No." He said He gives me blessings,
happiness is up to me.*

*I asked God
to spare me pain, but God said "No."
He said suffering draws you apart
from worldly cares and brings you
closer to me.*

*I asked God
to make my spirit grow, and God said
"No." He said I must grow on my own,
but He will prune me to make me
fruitful.*

*I asked God
if He loves me, and GOD SAID
"YES." He gave His only Son who
died for me and I will be in Heaven
someday because I believe.*

*I asked God
to help me love others, as much as
He loves me, and God said "Ah,
finally, you've got the idea."*

Daghan salamat at magandang
araw po sa lahat.

Life is a Tapestry of Colors

*Our life is but a weaving
Between my God and me
I may not choose the colors
He knows what they should be*

*For He can view the pattern upon the upper side
While I can see it only on this, the under side.*

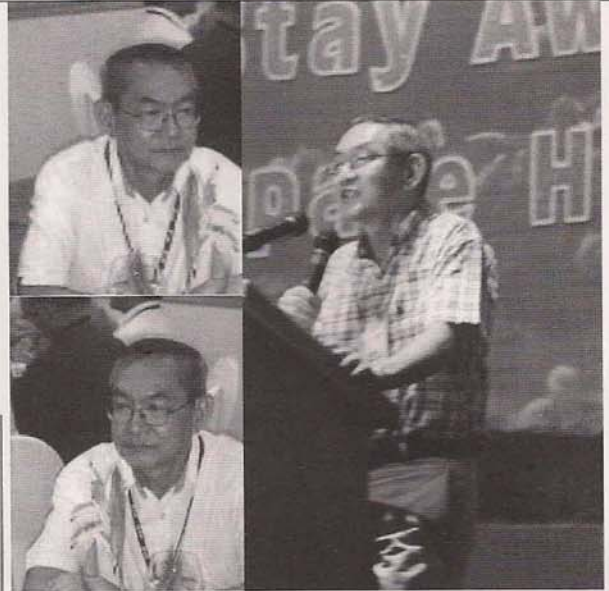
This poem taken from the book "Sparks of Wisdom" describes my life. I was born the eldest in our family. My father was the Mayor of our town in Dumarao, Capiz. Our early life was comfortable. Despite the fact we were not a God-centered family, our house was a haven for the poor in Iloilo as my father helped with the material needs of his constituents. However, my father's generosity affected heavily our finances. Additionally my mom's business floundered and we incurred huge losses and debts. Because of these reverses we gathered every night to pray the rosary. God used adversity to touch us and wake us up to the reality of his love and mercy.

And this cycle of ups and downs continued. Sometime after I married Lori, a blessing to me from the Lord, we attended a Life in the Spirit Seminar in Iloilo. It was there that I was touched by the Lord and experienced His love. I promised to love and serve Him.

Venturing into the remote places in the province I learned to overcome my shyness and even gave talks about God's love.

As I observed the lives of the people and how they were oppressed, I wrongly used my influence in the church (I was president of the Parish Council at that time) to campaign in the municipality of Dumarao. We won! For my reward I was appointed OIC mayor of our town. I found myself in the center of power in our municipality and tasted with relish the "perks" of power. Where before my motto would have been "Stay awake for the Lord's service", now it became "Stay awake so that I could be served." I became deaf to every prompting I felt coming from God.

But God sent me an emphatic message to bring me back to Him. During the next campaign I was confident of winning when six days before the election a youth leader of my cousin who was my opponent was accidentally shot



by the NPAs. To gain political mileage my opponent put the blame on me. I lost the election.

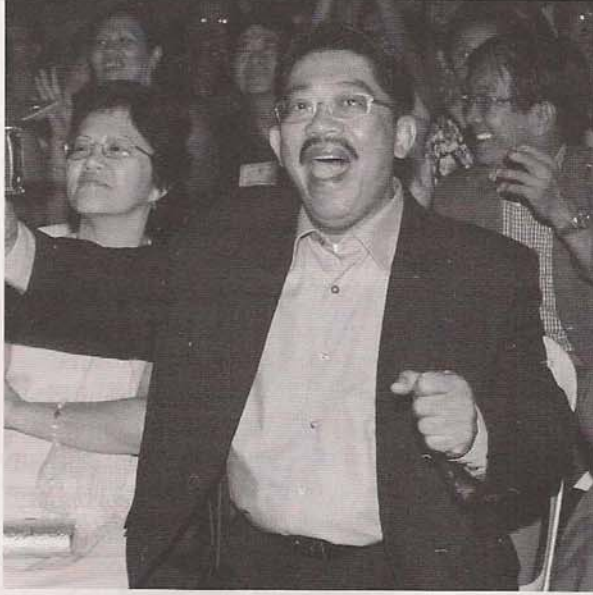
Soon after, we went back to Iloilo. Then the BCBP came to the city. I attended the first breakfast and eventually became a full member. Surprisingly, I was asked to be the Outreach Head, and the rest is history. Now I am presently serving as Area Managing Director for the Visayas. As a leader in the community my dream is to be like Saint Paul, that those under my care may imitate me as I imitate Christ. Many times I stumble and fall, I feel tired and oftentimes burned out. But I know that the Lord has an agenda for me. I walk in faith knowing that God will be my guide.

One example of this was last April when Lori and I applied for a new US visa. When it was our turn to be

interviewed, the Consul simply went through my Income Tax Returns. He looked up, smiled, and said, "So you pay your taxes well." That was his only comment, but what a compliment! When we received our visa through the mail a week later, we were surprised to see that our visas were for 10 years! Paying our financial obligation to the government the Christian way, the honest way, is hard to do, but has reaped benefits for us.

Brothers and sisters, what a colorful tapestry my life has been! Sometimes the colors have been gray, sometimes pink, oftentimes off-white. Now the Brotherhood colors dominate! It is really a privilege to serve God and His people through the BCBP.

Let us stay awake, prepare His way and serve Him in faith, love, and honest service.



minister through the laying of hands, and then being prayed over in turn, by a brother or two during the healing session portion in the grand worship- the one single experience I think that keeps so many brothers like me coming back year after year .

- To meet and share with the rest of the community in the country and exchange learnings and experiences on how

National Anniversary. Again as outreach head years back, I would save money the whole year for the anniversary trip because I considered it my personal responsibility as big brother of the outreach to get nourishment from the annual "spring" so I can be spiritually and organizationally invigorated, and then bring back with me that blessing and 'feed' the outreach in turn.

- To have fun and have a good bonding time (tops!) with my co-action group members.

- To have our once a year grand vacation time! Honeymoon or whatever! For one, come to think of it, Myrza and I have already seen most of the Philippines through the BCBP anniversaries.

Already we are now looking forward to Cagayan de Oro. That I know will again be a great time. I praise God for giving me BCBP. I am forever thankful for His kindness for giving us all these, and I will continue on serving Him with greater zeal this year so I can come to Him next year to see Him and celebrate once more with the rest of the community. I encourage you to make the same pilgrimage. See you!

BCBP ANNIVERSARY: My Annual 'Spring'

Good day, Brothers and Sisters! Ahh... I still can't get over that great feeling and experience that was Palawan this year! Great Friday night worship, very rewarding healing session, much fun with all the brothers and sisters from all the other chapters and outreaches the whole weekend, and great tour of the Philippines' 'Last Frontier' (a must for all!). Truly this year was the best, as each year is better than the last!

Anniversaries are annual pilgrimages for me and Myrza. Once we even brought the kids along during weekend celebrations. We consider this activity an important part of our being BCBP. Why?

Because it means a lot of things for me.

It's a sort of homecoming for me, back to 'Sinai' as the Bible said, where I can be refreshed and renewed once again from a hard, fast-paced but very good year of evangelization work for my 'Boss'.

I never miss anniversaries because to me it is a time every year:

- To be able to pray, praise, sing, dance and worship my Lord with the whole BCBP national membership- a presence of from 1,000-5,000 brothers and sisters in one venue on one Friday evening setting.

-To be able to have the opportunity to

best to serve God in the ministry assigned to me. I remember when I was outreach head way back then, I learned how to deal with a lot of my usual problems and fears that came along with being a young servant leader of a small start-up outreach. After that experience, I would look forward to the next anniversary.

- To align with national directions of the Brotherhood, and listen to God's message for the year for us as one community. This I would take home with me and echo to my own action group and my ministry members (my governance team) as 'fresh water coming the spring' that is the

DAYS BEFORE AND DAYS AFTER

the privilege of serving the Lord

By Celso S. Quiling, Co-chair Anniversary Secretariat

"Now I am sending my messenger ahead of me to clear the way; then suddenly the Lord for whom you long will enter the sanctuary. The envoy of the covenant which you so greatly desire already comes, says Yahweh of hosts."

This passage in Malachi (3:1-2) describes the coming of a messenger of God who will be responsible for preparing the way for him. We in the BCBP undertook to prepare the way for our Lord.



Pres. Bobby Laviña and RCD Sadi Saguisag conducted a walk-through from the arrival at the airport into the anniversary venue. Everything was in place, everyone was busy. Even though the

Eighteen months before the 26th national anniversary celebration of the Brotherhood, the Puerto Princesa Chapter started planning. It was a big challenge for the North and South Chapter to work together as one. Working committees were organized, responsibilities and functions defined and co-chairs assigned. From thirteen suggested anniversary themes, the message

of Matthew 24:42-51 was discerned and chosen, "Stay Awake! Prepare His Way." From there, the 26th anniversary logo was designed and approved by the Mancom.

During the May 2005 Anniversary, fifty Puerto Princesa members flew to Cebu to observe how the Cebuanos conducted the celebration.

Time passed swiftly. The final countdown was highlighted when

team worked until early mornings during the last three days before May 12, energy remained high. All the leaders forgot about being coaches and instead became instant players in the task. Something or Someone was keeping everybody in high spirits to accomplish everything right in time for the opening day – the power of the Lord dwelling in each one of us, all for the Glory of God.

Partaking the Blessing during the Celebration.

One of the major concerns of our Puerto Princesa BCBP team prior to the Celebration was the difficulties of getting to the city. Despite efforts made for special flights from Cebu and Mindanao, plus a boat to ferry Mindanao and Visayas members to Palawan, numbers were not met and those efforts fizzled out.

But the Puerto Princesa Chapters prayed for at least a thousand attendees and the Lord responded. Not only that but all who attended partook of the many blessings and joys shared during the celebration.

Of the 998 total attendance, the Metro Manila South Region covering Alabang, Las Piñas, Makati, Manila, Pasay/Villamor, Batangas City, had the biggest

attendance with 149 delegates. Southwest Leyte sent two members, while Northeast Leyte had one delegate. Negros, Central Luzon and Central Mindanao didn't have any participants.

In the Bicol-Palawan Region, 17 came from Legazpi Chapter while 278 attended from the host Chapters. 856 pre-registered and 142 registered on-site.

Breakdown of Attendance by Region

MM North	42	Negros	0	SW Leyte	2
MM South	149	West Mindanao	21	Panay	42
Southern Tagalog	115	NE Luzon	50	East Mindano	66
Bicol-Palawan	295	NW Luzon	56	Central Mindanao	0
Cebu	53	Central Luzon	0	MANCOM	62
Tag-Dum	44	NE Leyte-Samar	1		

Bad Vibes

All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. Eph 4:31

This passage is directed to all, for nobody is innocent, having at one time or another committed one of these sins. In the Mass, we recognize our guilt and accuse ourselves by saying, "I have sinned."

If we look into our past, be it private, at work or at play, there were instances, we have to admit, when we got angry. Jesus taught by example, clearly teaching us to avoid malice of every kind, and to forgive all those who may have caused us to react in the above manner. Many times, they are not

even aware of having done us wrong. While we are consumed with misinterpreted vibes, they have not lost any sleep over it.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, you forgave the repentant thief who led a sinful life. I am no better than he was. I have also committed many infractions in my life which I am ashamed of and sorry for. I ask you, my Lord and my God, the same petition – Jesus, remember me and provide me with your grace so that I may, one day, be admitted into your kingdom. Amen.

Often we interpret many actions or words negatively, without realizing that they were said or done without malice. If this be the case, aren't we fools to take it the way it was not intended to be? Assuming though, that this was not the case and the intent was to harm us, we should ask ourselves how many times we have sinned against God and how many times he has forgiven us. Wouldn't you want to be like Jesus? Well then, forgive and be like Him.

K My BCBP Notebook

Mar Figueroa, BCBP Tacloban

Time Management and God

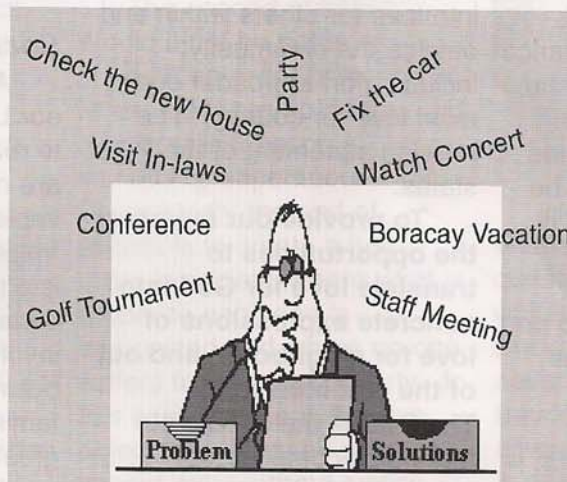
For the most of us, it seems we are always rushing for fear that we will not have time for this and that activity even for routinary chores. This is the result of certain notions which we have accepted as true. These notions or fantasies are all related to time.

FANTASY NO. 1

- No one has ever enough time. The TRUTH is each one of us has as much time as the others – we all have 24 hours a day or 1,440 minutes. So, just like money, we have to use time in the most effective way possible.

FANTASY NO. 2

There are many ways to save time. The reality is that time passes and cannot be stored or hoarded. However, it can be spent wisely and invested in activities that can give us the best return.



FANTASY NO. 3 - The longer we work, the more we get things done. The reality is that a differentiation has to be made between activity and achievement. A lot of pencil-pushing does not result in concrete accomplishment. In the same manner, the creation of so many committees and the holding of many meetings can be counter-productive oftentimes.

FANTASY NO. 4 - Productive persons work harder than the others. The

key here is working smarter; and being smart cannot simply be acquired by all. It is a combination of a lot of traits – innate intelligence, skills acquired through experience and studies, and acquisition of certain basic disciplines.

Brothers and sisters, how do we address our problems

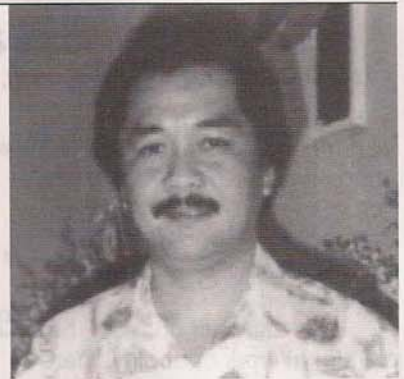
with time: barely having enough time for prayers and praising the Lord; lacking time for BCBP activities such as breakfasts, general assemblies, intercessory prayers, action group meetings, etc.

Just take note of the realities of TIME and the fact that for every tick of a second, we are moving nearer to the end of our finite existence. Invest time in our Lord Jesus and reap the greatest reward there is! **K**

The PSD Directorate: Putting Our Faith Into Practice

By Art Legarde

National Service Coordinator for Programs and Services



How many times I get to miss seeing God's wonderful truths that are just usually there before my very eyes! This time, it was when I accepted the position of National Service Coordinator for Programs and Services Directorate of the BCBP, our community. As I began looking into its mission, I suddenly fully realized the directorate's great significance to the spirituality of each and every member of the BCBP.

Our spirituality is likened to a cross. It could never be whole or complete unless it has the vertical and the horizontal components. Meaning, it is not just God and us exclusively, but God, us and others. In fact, a spirituality that does not translate to **love for others**, is not genuine spirituality at all. *"Beloved, let us love one*

another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8

In our BCBP community it is the Programs and Services Directorate that provides the opportunities for us members to translate our love for God into love for others within and outside the community, including on a broader scale, even love for country. The mission statement of the PSD states:

To provide our members the opportunities to translate love for God into concrete expressions of love for neighbor in and out of the community.

The PSD is the directorate that helps complete our spirituality, translating our "faith into works" for "even so

faith, if it has no works, is dead being by itself." James 2:17.

Our Programs and Services Directorate has four basic programs which give us ample opportunity to put our faith into practice. The first two are opportunities outside of the community, and the last two, opportunities within.

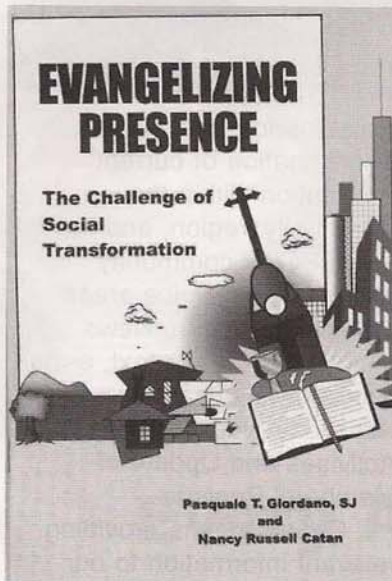
Social Action

As a concrete response to our Lord's mandate for BCBP to reach out to the poor, we are now going full scale in implementing our Eco-Reach "micro finance" Project. This is a program that lends a certain amount to "nanays" involved in small scale business, to help augment family income. However the greater challenge is not so much in the implementation of the micro finance project for we, as businessmen and with bankers as members, have the expertise. Rather, it is forming a genuine "**heart for the poor**", like the heart of Jesus.

This **heart for the poor** has two basic dimensions: First, it is recognizing that giving is not just another thing we need to do when the need arises. It is being truly in solidarity with the poor at all times, feeling their misery and sufferings in their poverty.



Second, having such genuine compassion for the poor, we realize that we are only stewards of the goods of the earth in our possession and over and above what we need, we ought to share with others, with those who are in greater need.



The book *Evangelizing Presence: The Challenge of Social Transformation* authored by Fr. Pasquale T. Giordano and Nancy R. Catan gives us a profound insight and I quote: "From early times to the present, the church has affirmed that misuse of the world's resources or appropriation of them by a minority of the world's population betrays the gift of creation since whatever belongs to God, belongs to all." (p.19).

For a start, having a **heart for the poor** may mean donating to our Eco-Reach Foundation the amount of P500 for one year. This is not really much, compared to the other things we spend on. It could mean making the "sacrifice" of foregoing a bottle of wine, dinner in an

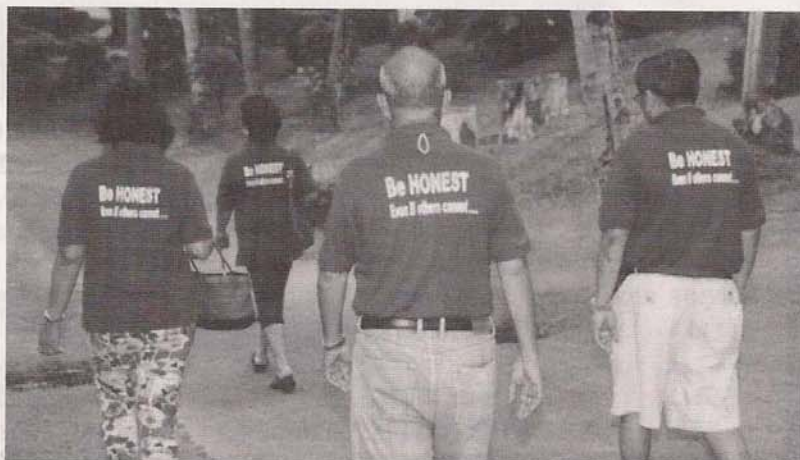
expensive restaurant, an upgraded cell phone, or another new car. During our 26th BCBP Anniversary in Palawan last May 13, 2006, one anonymous and very generous brother declared that he would forego a vacation to the United States and donate the amount he would have used for the trip to our Eco Reach Foundation fund. With our 30,000 strong membership in the BCBP each giving a minimum of P500/year, imagine just how many poor families could start realizing a better life as promised them by Jesus!

Advocacy

This is another PSD program wherein we are given the opportunity to translate our love for God to love for others outside of our community, especially into love for country. Seeing clearly God's wisdom behind it, I believe it was divine providence that led us to launch the **BE HONEST** campaign two years ago. Today, our country is confronted with many ills that definitely need to be addressed: threats to life like abortion and birth control, destruction of the environment, graft and

corruption, etc. These all seem to find their root in one thing – lack of truthfulness/integrity/purity of heart. By pursuing our **BE HONEST** campaign, shifting into higher gear, our efforts will be focused on this one advocacy campaign nationwide, while at the same time, addressing the root of the ills and concerns mentioned earlier. We may not see its fruits overnight, nor perhaps in our life time, but definitely, BCBP will have done its share in planting the seed.

But the challenge is not so much in our campaign outside the BCBP; the greater challenge is to each of us, individually. For us to be effective advocates we must **WALK OUR TALK**. We have to decide and commit to be truthful or honest in all things, at all times. Yes, to many of us, this appears to be difficult. Yes, it is difficult if we attempt to do it on our own strength. That is why Jesus Christ was very emphatic in instructing His disciples, *"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."* John 15:5. Newness of life, possessing





Christ-like virtues in all aspects, can only be possible through Jesus Christ dwelling in us. Instead of focusing on being truthful or honest, let us focus on having Jesus Christ in us. Only then can we bear the fruit of truthfulness and honesty. After all, this is what our BCBP Vision is all about: "Fullness of Life in Jesus Christ!"

Celebrations

This PSD program gives us the opportunity to extend love to our brothers and sisters in the community. Celebrations aim to provide our members the opportunity for fun and fellowship in a community setting, enjoying the occasion to know and accept one another as we are, leading to strengthened relationships. These

occasions include Action Group and Unit gatherings, chapter fellowships, Family Days, Chapter Anniversaries, Christmas Parties, Sectoral and Regional events and the BCBP National Anniversaries.

I like to imagine Jesus Christ and His disciples being drawn together in the spirit of love and comradeship, as they enjoyed fun and fellowship walking through the mountains, hills and valleys, byways and beaches along the Sea of Galilee. Surely, He enjoyed the wedding celebration at Cana, too.

Communications Network and Secretariat

Extending loving care to members is the mission of this PSD program. How? By providing various media that will ensure the effective

maintenance and dissemination of current information within the community, region, and the entire BCBP community nationwide. Service areas include: Kapatiran, News Flash Activities via text, e-mail, phone trees, Chapter Newsletter, Documentation of Activities and Update of Members' Registry.

Caring means providing relevant information to our members, for information is what keeps us one and united, in the Chapter or Outreach, within the region and in the entire BCBP community nationwide.

**May God be glorified
through the
BCBP
Programs and Services
Directorate!**



Ed Adriano's STRAY BULLETS



**BCBP BREAKFAST VENUES**

CHAPTER/OUTREACH	VENUES	DAY	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH
METRO MANILA NORTH						
CAMANAVA	Max's Restaurant, EDSA, Cal. CP: Burni Bugan: 09215640818	SAT	S	M	J	M
GREENHILLS	Club Filipino CP: Nane Arabelo: 09189097004	THU	S	J	M	M
GREENHILLS-PASIG	Valle Verde Country Club CP: Bert Usan: 09178449510	SAT	M	-	M	-
QUEZON CITY	Max's Rest, Sct Tuazon CP: Frank de Paz: 09178338018	SAT	S	M	J	M
RIZAL	Max's Restaurant, Taytay CP: Erol Villanueva: 09178661732	SAT	M	J	M	S
MARIKINA	Max's Rest, Blue Wave Mall CP: Benjie Cruz: 09178057689	SAT	J	J	J	S
METRO MANILA SOUTH						
ALABANG	Ayala Alabang Ctry Club CP: Soty Loren: 09178322261	SAT	M	S	M	J
LAS PIÑAS	Gloria Maris/Philam Clubhse* CP: Ruel Saniel: 09185547721	SAT	J*	M	S*	M
MAKATI	Max' Restaurant, Glorietta 3 CP: Caloy Co: 09189272243	WED	J	S	M	M
MANILA	Hacienda Rest, Ma. Orosa CP: Ferdie Correa: 09176271009	FRI	J	S	M	M
MANILA NORTH	Chowking Puregold Mall, Tynn CP: Bong Rivera: 09174236838	SAT	J	J	J	J
PARAÑAQUE	Max's Restaurant, Sucat CP: Jojo Pascual: 0917-5778648	SAT	M	J	M	S
PASAY/VILLAMOR	Villamor Golf Club Greenside CP: Ruben Makairap: 09228109168	SAT	J	M	S	M
NORTHWEST LUZON						
BAGUIO	Aling Nenang, Session Rd CP: Gary Simangan: 09193284191	SAT	-	J	M	S
DAGUPAN	Regency Hotel, Dagupan CP: Jun Gutierrez: 09064377759	SAT	J	-	M	-
URDANETA	Ciudad Fernandina CP: Ariel Noranda: 09179676671	SAT	-	J	-	M
LAOAG	Plaza de Laoag CP: Romy Coloma: 09198728453	SAT	-	-	-	J
SAN FND0-LU	Sea & Sky CP: Vic Ancheta: 09198570076	SAT	J	J	-	-
NORTHEAST LUZON						
TUGUEGARAO	Delfino Hotel CP: Gary Hernandez: 09173902413	SAT	M	M	S	J
SANTIAGO ISABELA	Mc Donald's, Maharlika Rd. CP: Willy Simbul: 09175487046	SAT	M	J	J	J
BAYOMBONG	Governor's Palace, Solano CP: Oscar Bacena: 09187809316	SAT	-	J	-	J
APARRI	St. Patrick Hotel CP: Angel Rabago: 09279437744	SAT	J	-	J	-
CENTRAL LUZON						
ANGELES	KM 86 Food Rest Sta Maria CP: Meng Evaresto: 09189401614	SAT	-	J	-	S
BULACAN	Max's Rest, Guiginto, Bul CP: Sol Catada: 09178871363	SAT	J	J	J	S
CABANATUAN	Royce Motors, Mahrika H'way CP: Nick Vicencio: 0920135140	SAT	J	M	S	M
OLONGAPO	Ann Raquel Rest, Magsaysay CP: Ed Santos: 09189289760	SAT	J	J	J	J
SAN FND0-PAMP.	Villa Conchita Resort, Oingpo CP: Waitor Autencio: 09273068107	SAT	J	J	J	J
SOUTHERN TAGALOG						
BATANGAS CITY	Alpha Hotel CP: Manny Rosales: 09178443295	SAT	M	S	J	M
BALAYAN	Agot's Restaurant CP: Hermie Lopez: 09172062789	SAT	-	M	-	M
BIÑAN-SAN PEDRO	Max's Restaurant CP: Mel Rebutica: 09177447112	SAT	J	M	S	M
CALAMBA	Riverview Resort CP: Estie B. Vibora: 09283705893	SAT	J	M	S	M
CALAPAN	Filipiniana Hotel CP: Boy Javier: 09103019774	SAT	-	J	-	S
CAVITE CITY	Servando's Rest/ Jollibee* CP: Nocky Umali: 09175318938	SAT	M	J*	M	J*
DAET	Stroll Cafe & Rest CP: Nilbert Anceno: 09178527166	SAT	-	J	-	J
IMUS	Cafe Esperanza CP: Jun Latay: 09178566345	SAT	J	M	J	M
LIPA	Luntian Rest, Lipa CP: Halina H/R: 09155060759	SAT	M	J	M	S
LUCENA	Jollibee* CP: Joselito Jalago: 09155060759	SAT	M	J	S*	M
SAN PABLO	Coco Palace CP: Vic Longno: 09175445315	SAT	M	J	M	J
SN JOSE MNDRO	Sikatuna Bch Htl CP: Manny Rosales: 09178443295	SAT	-	M	-	L
STA. ROSA	Rose & Grace Rest. CP: Mel Rebutica: 09177447112	SAT	M	J	M	J
TAGAYTAY	Royale Parc Hotel CP: Soty Loren: 09178322261	SAT	M	M	M	M
TANAUAN	Darasa Fiesta Rsr- CP: Paul Hernandez: 09188872352	SAT	J	-	M	-
BICOL-PALAWAN						
LEGAZPI	Hotel La Trinidad CP: Mon Lawenko: 09204714640	SAT	-	J	-	J

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NAGA	Champagne Grden CP: Tony Concepcion: 09214492842	SAT	S	J	M	M
PALAWAN NORTH	Legend Hotel CP: Celso Quiling: 09193816284	SAT	J	-	S	-
PALAWAN SOUTH	Javlon Hous /Badjao Rest* CP: Bert Falsis: 09178051687	SAT	-	S	-	J*
SORSOGON	Jollibee Sorsogon* CP: Gie Diaz: 09178051687	SAT	M	-	J	-
CEBU REGION						
BALAMBAN	Balamban Nat'l H S CP: Boy Beltran: 09176209795	SAT	-	J	-	M
BANTAYAN BOGO	Bantayan Sothn Inst Sweet Spot CP: Edgar Decena: 09175462139	SUN	J	-	J	-
CEBU NORTH	City Sports Club CP: Tony Tagulao: 09175462139	SAT	J	M	S	M
CEBU SOUTH	Sacred Heart Ctr. CP: Rod Ngo: 09176200180	SAT	J	S	S	M
CEBU CENTRAL	Casino Filipino CP: Onek Priagula: 09178887606	SAT	M	S	M	J
CONSOLACION	Orosia Rest. CP: Archie Alivio: 09173327522	SAT	-	J	M	M
MACTAN	Crown Regency CP: Guy Ceniza: 09175467165	SAT	M	J	S	J
MANDAUE	Lumpia House CP: Bebe Batiancela: 09177408641	SAT	M	J	S	J
TALISAY	Chowking Talisay CP: Henry Burgos: 09173262219	SUN	-	J	-	S
TAG/DUMAGUETE						
BAIS	Bros Haven CP: Wardo Villanueva: 09214899401	SAT	-	M	-	J
DUMAGUETE NORTH	Bethel Guest Hse/ CP: Bats Balbon: 09209606639	SAT	J	M	S	-
DUMAGUETE SOUTH	Plaza Ma. Luisa CP: Ely Dejaresco: 09188296047	SAT	J	-	M	-
SIQUIJOR	Webs Legacy Inn CP: Tata Quilicot: 09188296047	SAT	J	-	J	-
SAN CARLOS	Carmel's CP: Greg Santillan: 09188296047	SAT	-	J	-	M
TAGBILARAN NORTH	JJ Seaford Village CP: Arturo Navarro Jr: 09202693315	SAT	-	J	M	M
TAGBILARAN SOUTH	La Roca Hotel/ Jollibee* CP: Gerry Egos: 09193944848	SAT	-	J	M*	J
TUBIGON	JJ Rest, CP: Boy Caga: 09202321369	SUN	-	J	-	M
TALIBON	Talibon Pensn Hse CP: 09202321369	SAT	-	-	-	-
NE LEYTE & SAMAR						
NAVAL, BILIRAN	Naval Country Inn CP: Juan Pastor: 09157754885	SUN	J	J	-	-
BORONGAN	Cafe Se Le Vee CP: Sonny Uy: 09177222803	SAT	J	-	J	J
CALBAYOG	DPC Function Hall CP: Sonny De Veyra: 09173381743	SUN	J	-	J	-
CATBALOGAN	Maqueda Bay H/R CP: Jaime Barnales: 09202530880	SAT	J	-	J	-
CATARMAN	DCC Annex CP: Jess Laodeno: 09168763219	SUN	-	J	-	J
TACLOBAN	My Best Friend's Place CP: Lito Canete: 09209012283	SAT	-	S	M	J
SOUTHWEST LEYTE						
BAYBAY	Parish Center CP: Bong Modina: 09279187596	SUN	-	J	-	S
MAASIN	K of C Clubhouse CP: Joe Abot: 09202655175	SUN	J	-	S	-
ORMOC	Ampil Function Room* Yul Gerong - CP: Pongos Hotel: 09189196732	SAT	-	J	M	J
SOGOD	Vince Rodriguez CP: Rey Lara: 09182265430	SAT	J	-	-	-
HILONGOS	K of C CP: Parish Center: 09182265430	SAT	J	-	J	-
PALOMPON	Parish Center CP: Nonoy Ladion: 09108518994	SAT	J	-	J	-
	PACCI CP: Jek Sanchez: 09277189830	SAT	J	-	M	-
NEGROS REGION						
BACOLOD NORTH	Quan Rest/L'Fisher Hotel CP: Bobbie Legaspi: 09273135547	SAT	M	M	M	J
BACOLOD SOUTH	Jollibee - La Salle CP: Exec Inn/L'Fisher Hotel: 09177070057	SAT	-	-	L	-
BACOLOD EAST	Pepe Ledesma CP: Jollibee - La Salle: 09209269851	SAT	M	-	L	-
BINALBAGAN	BCBP Activity Center CP: Ogie Ascalon: 09209269851	SAT	M	-	M	-
CADIZ	Sn Teodoro Hall CP: Liby Frias: 09173008968	SAT	-	J	-	J
KABANGKALAN	Snackee Restaurant CP: Albert Garcia: 09228115476	SAT	-	J	-	M
SILAY	Domingo's CP: Leonel Horvidalla: 09104038331	SUN	M	M	S	M
VICTORIAS	Domingo's VMC Fastfood CP: Martin Osano: 09275192490	SUN/QTR	-	-	-	J
	Marjhuns CP: 09275192490	SAT	-	L	-	-

Be HONEST

Even if others are not
Even if others will not
Even if others cannot

"He who walks honestly walks securely"
Proverbs 10:9



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PANAY REGION							MALAYBALAY						
ILOILO	CP: Amigo Terraces Hotel	SAT	J	M	S	M	SURIGAO	House Malibu Gateway Hotel	SAT	J	-	S	-
	Tony Llasus 09206186886							CP: Jun Bayana 09208344407	SAT	J	-	J	-
MOLO	Jollibee UPV	SAT	J	M	S	M	TAGUM	CAP Bldg. Tagum City	SAT	-	J	M	J
	CP: Tom Cheng Chua 09193007978							CP: Boy Galagala 09177197790					
KALIBO	Nazareth Home	SAT	S	J	M	M	VALENCIA	Taipan Restaurant	SAT	-	J	-	S
	CP: Jack Acaling 09186978112												
BORACAY	Tropical Guest House Str 3	SAT	J	J	J	J	MINDANAO WEST						
	CP: Rey Tagua 09194903590						DIPOLOG	Top Plaza Hotel	SAT	-	J	M	S
ROXAS	Pizza Junction, Rizal St.	SAT	J	M	M	S		CP: Nilo Dalmacio 09185935688					
	CP: Oca Andrada 09209105182						ILIGAN	CP: Madelicious Native Foods 09268760286	SAT	M	J	-	J
MINDANAO EAST							KAPATAGAN	CP: Alsons Palace	SAT	J	-	J	-
BUTUAN	Luciana Convention Center	SAT	-	J	-	J		CP: Fernie Legaria					
	CP: Lazer Lapa 09198840839						OROQUETA	CP: DPWH Function Hall	SAT	-	J	-	J
CDO EAST	Kagayanon Restaurant	SAT	M	M	J	S		CP: Bobby Ruiz 09194044803					
	CP: Tito Mora 09209155959						OZAMIZ	Royal Garden Hotel	SAT	M	-	J	-
CDO WEST	Vip Hotel	SAT	M	S	J	M	PAGADIAN	CP: KC Hall Sto Niño Cathedral	SAT	-	J	-	J
	CP: Cons Arce 09189083613							CP: Joe de Pedro 09168819456					
DAVAO	Royal Mandaya Hotel	SAT	M	S	M	J	ZAMBOANGA	Astoria Hotel	SAT	J	-	J	-
	CP: Wally Tapia 09177081079							CP: Buloy Mendoza 09179858475					
DIGOS	CAP Building	SAT	-	J	-	J	IPIL	CP: Sibugay Hotel	SAT	-	J	-	J
GEN. SANTOS	East Asia Royale Hotel	SAT	J	-	J	-		CP: Buloy Mendoza 09179858475					
	CP: Francis Carlos 09177267679												

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