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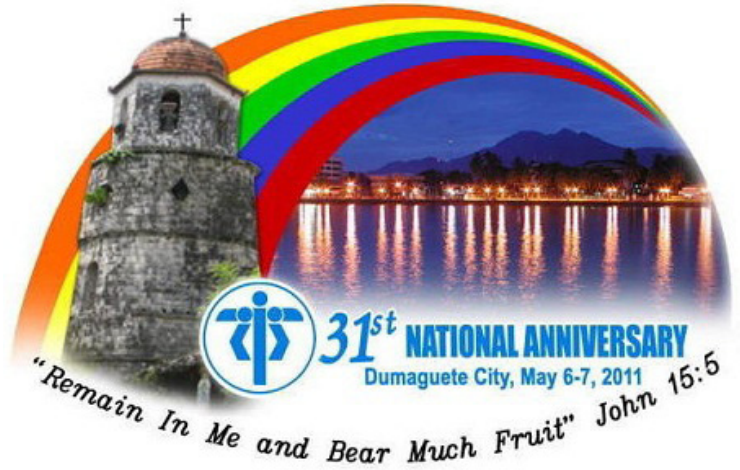
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*Merry Christmas
and a Joyful and Fruitful
New Year to all!*

The Real Gifts



31st National Anniversary Celebration



Bro Fred Magallano, NAC 31 Executive Director, has this message for all BCBP members re the upcoming 31st National Anniversary Celebration of the BCBP, to be held in Dumaguete on the weekend of May 6-7, 2011.

Hi Brothers and Sisters, You must be finalizing by now your plans to attend our 31st National Anniversary Celebration (NAC31) to be held in Dumaguete. Our theme for the 2011 NAC in Dumaguete is: **“Remain In Me and Bear Much Fruit”** from John 15:5 .Once more, we hope to assist you in any way by furnishing you our contact lines/links. Please feel free to get in touch with us.

Given below are our brothers and sisters and their corresponding email ads and cellphone numbers for you to link up with regarding your concerns. Also you can dial to any of our 4 telefax lines, to serve you better. Dumaguete and Negros Oriental Area Code is 035.

God bless! We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Dumaguete for NAC 2011. Let us come and celebrate the goodness of the Lord together! Let us remain in Him and bear much fruit!

Our official website for the 31st BCBP National Anniversary Celebration: www.bcbp-nac31-dgte.com

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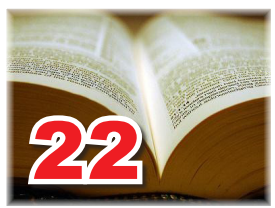
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EDITOR'S NOTE:

We bring you the December issue of KAPATIRAN ON LINE, featuring articles, columns, personal testimonies, and news selected from our BCBP website, plus a few features not found on the website. We encourage you to send us your comments in the space provided on the website at the end of each article.

The KAPATIRAN is for sharing with brothers and sisters, BCBP members and non-members, especially breakfast 1st timers; just print out as many copies as you need. Enjoy your reading experience!

The BCBP is also on FaceBook, "BCBP National (Group)", we hope to chat with you there! --Nancy R. Catan

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Editorial

Nancy Catan, Editor-in-Chief

The Real Gifts

For me, one of the real gifts and blessings of the Christmas season is the gift of spouse. It was on December 12, 1962, that Jun Catan and I were united in the sacrament of marriage. And we are still happily in love with each other until now, 48 years later! Isn't that a real gift!!! A miracle!!! And every Christmas season, especially on this 12th day of December, I thank God especially for His gift to me of a loving, God-fearing, caring, exciting, wonderful, hard-working, etc. etc. etc. husband.

Every Christmas as I thank God for his gift of spouse, I like to reread about the real gifts of this special holiday as written in Sarah Ban Breathnach's book, *Simple Abundance*, in her Dec 10 rumination. She lists seven sets of gifts, saying that the real gifts of Christmas were wrapped in miracles. I agree because only God could have scripted how Jun and I first met, our courtship by snail mail, and our marriage; truly I believe these were miracles.

Breathnach writes that the first gift was of Spirit, the Spirit of the Unconditional Love of God for mankind. The next gift came from a Jewish teenage girl, Mary, whose Christmas present was selflessness, the complete surrender of ego and will needed to bring Heaven down to earth. The gifts of her betrothed Joseph were trust and faith.

The Infant Child brought forgiveness, wholeness, and second chances for God's people. The angels' gifts were tidings of comfort, joy, and peace, with the assurance that there was nothing to fear, so rejoice. The shepherd boy's gift was generosity in giving Jesus his favorite lamb.



The Wise Men, the Magi, offered not only gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but their real gifts were wonder, acceptance, and courage. They offered wonder by surrendering logic, reason, and common sense to follow a Star. Accepting the impossible situation they found themselves in, they suspended skepticism long enough to double-cross King Herod. With courage, they made the long journey to kneel before the Christ Child, accepting Him as King even though they found him in a cave lying in a straw-filled manger.

Yes, Christmas is all about gifts. Real gifts. Miraculous gifts. Gifts tied with heartstrings of Unconditional Love. Selflessness. Trust and Faith. Forgiveness. Second Chances. Generosity. Joy. Peace. Reassurance and Rejoicing. Wonder. Courage. Gifts wrapped in miracles and blessings, tied with the ribbon of God's Love.

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President's Message

Larry Veloso




*Have A Joyous
Christmas and
A Fruitful
New Year!*

Dedit and I extend our warmest and heartfelt wishes to all of you, our dear brothers and sisters in the BCBP, that you and your loved ones experience a Christmas season filled with joy, love, and peace. And that the Lord bless you abundantly in the New Year 2011 making all of your endeavors and the work of your hands fruitful, fulfilling and worthwhile as you serve in the Lord's vineyard. We thank each one of you for your continuing prayers and helping hands as we have persevered as your BCBP President throughout the past year and we look forward to seeing all of you in Dumaguete for our 31st National Anniversary Celebration.

And, I hasten to add, the gifts and blessings of: A loving, God-fearing spouse. Three wonderful children, all married with their own families. Twelve lovely and lively grandchildren. Three adorable great grandchildren. A worthwhile livelihood, MAPECON, with Jesus as its President. The BCBP Community – a source of inspiration, encouragement, and many caring friends. Of course, this list of real gifts can go on and on... For everyone we meet is a gift from God, a small, but significant miracle He places in our lives, whether we know it or not, whether we like that person or not.

These miraculous gifts are not to be found in malls or on the internet. We cannot order them by phone and have them delivered to our doorstep. We must open our hearts not only to receive such real gifts gratefully and enjoy them, but also in the spirit of Christmas, share what we have, what we receive, and give truly real gifts, gifts of little miracles and blessings, to family, friends, and even to casual acquaintances. Never forget that many times God works his miracles through us. Awesome thought, isn't it!

Jun and I extend our warmest wishes to you all for a most blessed and joyful Advent and Christmas season this year, brimming over with Real Gifts, both those given and those received. 



Random Insights

Bobby Atendido, BOT Chairman

Be Good, Do Good!

Now that the cacophony of Christmas is receding, it is now time to look forward to the new year 2011. Discard the old, lingering bad habits. Search our hearts and reflect on where we fell short. Build on successes achieved this year. Renew our mind and spirit. The Baby is born. Jesus is alive. Now the work of Christmas begins. It is time for resolutions. To be good, to do good.

Colossians 3:12-17 comes to mind as we prepare for the year 2011.

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

These words I believe form the foundation of what we should be about in the year 2011.

I read an article posted in the internet about a husband who couldn’t believe his wife when she said that she tries to do at least 100 good deeds every day. And so one day, just to test her, he decided to stay with her and find out for himself whether his wife was for real. She was surprised of course to see her husband who was a workaholic staying with her that particular day but she was obviously pleased.

The day was normal and it started with breakfast. Afterwards, she drove to the drugstore to pick up her medicines and later dropped by the supermarket. All the while, her husband accompanied her. By the time, she was finished shopping for groceries, her husband finally revealed to her why he stayed with her that day.

He told her, “Honey, the reason why I stayed with you today is because I wanted to find out for myself if it is really possible for anyone to do at least 100 good things each day just as you say. It is barely over an hour since we woke up and I already counted at least 20 good deeds that you have done. Now I believe you.” His wife, surprised at the revelation, replied, “Oh, I don’t count. Please tell me what I did.”

The husband then recited the litany of good things he noted that his wife did that early morning. “The day started with you greeting me ‘Good morning’ and giving me a kiss which was a good thing but I sometimes do not notice it. You prepared breakfast and served me hot coffee. I noticed you gave me the newspaper to read while having breakfast which incidentally you never complain about. Sorry about that Honey but I will try not to read the papers while we have breakfast. You also ironed my shirt that I am wearing. When we went out and while you were driving, you did not get angry at that driver who swerved into your lane but instead you blessed him with a short prayer for his safety. You drove well within the speed limit. You said thank you a number of times to those who were serving you at the drugstore. You put in a dollar in the cup of that poor beggar on the street when we were walking towards the supermarket. You greeted the doorman at the supermarket with a pleasant good





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New Chapter Heads in 2010 and Jan 2011

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BCBP Greenhills	Philip Rainier V. Beley	PV	Jan 2010
BCBP Pto Princesa North	Emilio B. Tombucon	Emil	Jan 2010
BCBP Pto Princesa South	Zosimo M. Padong	Ike	Jan 2010
BCBP Olongapo	Agustin Urbano	Ute	Jan 2010
BCBP Biban-San Pedro	Alex Anthony E. Madrid	Alex	Jan 2010
BCBP Calamba	Joel Eneristo A. Joven	Bunny	Jan 2010
BCBP Consolacion (Cebu)	Joseph Benson J. Tompong	Benson	Jan 2010
BCBP Tagbilaran South	Socrates B. Fucanan	Soc	Jan 2010
BCBP Bacolod North	Marciano D. De Juan	Mars	Jan 2010
BCBP Silay	Ramon M Junsay, Jr.	Mon	Jan 2010
BCBP Roxas	Dante D. Corros	Dante	Jan 2010
BCBP Tuguegarao	Emmanuel C. Ruiz	Manny	Jan 2010
BCBP Quezon City	Ricardo C. Aragon	Ricky	Feb 2010
BCBP San Jose (Mindoro)	Tirso F. Espiritu	Bong	June 2010
BCBP Las Pinas	Faustino Pangilinan, Jr.	Jun	June 2010
BCBP San Pablo (Laguna)	Vicente A. Longno	Vic	July 2010
BCBP Cabanatuan	Jaime M. Jarlego	Jim	July 2010
BCBP San Fernando (La Union)	Mario Anacleto M. Bañez	Mao	Aug 2010
BCBP Imus	Rene S. Medrocillo	Rene	Nov 2010
BCBP Tanauan	Apolinario C. Hernandez	Pol	Dec 2010
January 2011			
BCBP Baguio	Leonard Wood B. Villanueva	Leo	Jan 2011
BCBP Iloilo	Rex Q. Debuque	Rex	Jan 2011
BCBP Dipolog	Albert S. Alimpulos	Bert	Jan 2011
BCBP Dumaguete North	Edgar L. Diputado	Edgar	Jan 2011
BCBP Dumaguete South	Fiel M. Ornopia	Fiel	Jan 2011
BCBP Tagbilaran south	Pedro Emmanuel S. Camacho, Jr.	Boy	Jan 2011
BCBP Rizal	Simplicio M. Gasatan	Paul	Jan 2011
BCBP Davao East	Hansel A. Magno, Jr.	Hansel	Jan 2011
BCBP Davao West	Rodolfo S. Lorena	Rudy	Jan 2011
BCBP Manila	Fernando M. Vasquez, Jr.	Boss	Jan 2011
BCBP Iligan	Francis G. Montelibano	Frank	Jan 2011



morning. You said God bless you to that woman in the supermarket who sneezed.” And on and on did the husband recount the good things his wife did that early morning.

Yes it is possible to do many good things each day. Jesus did exactly that. He went about his day doing good. He fed the hungry. He healed the sick. He showed compassion to sinners. He was gentle in his ways. He taught his apostles and shared his wisdom. He was kind to the dispossessed. He forgave those who tortured and crucified him on

the cross. Jesus loved much and paid the ultimate price for us.

Will it not be wonderful if all of us members of the Brotherhood did exactly the same thing? Be good and do good everyday of 2011.

Happy New Year to all the members of BCBP. May Jesus become alive in all our hearts throughout the year 2011. May we all reflect the face to Jesus to everyone we will meet by being good and doing good. God bless us all. ✠

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BCBP Signs MOU with CAC-BBC-LAIKO vs CORRUPTION

The BCBP recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding Tuesday, November 9, with the Coalition Against Corruption (CAC), the Bishops-Businessmen's Conference for Human Development (BBC) and Sangguniang Laiko ng Pilipinas (LAIKO)'s Government Procurement Monitoring Committee to field observers in all stages of the procurement process in implementing Section 13 of Republic Act No. 9184, the Government Procurement Reform Act.

In RA 9184 the Bids and Awards Committees of procuring entities are mandated to invite, in all

stages of the procurement process, in addition to the representatives of the Commission on Audit, at least two observers to sit in its proceedings in line with the transparency of the process. One of the two observers shall be from a duly recognized private group from a sector or discipline relevant to the procurement at hand, and the other observer shall be from

a non-government organization.

The Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals, BCBP, has the distinct task of bringing our Lord into the marketplace especially through its major advocacy – its BE HONEST CAMPAIGN. Therefore, the BCBP believes it is the responsibility of its nationwide organization of member businessmen and professionals to assist and unify their efforts with the CAC-BBC-LAIKO group in fighting graft and corruption in the government procurement process, and to use its efforts and resources to uphold and advance the principles of good and effective governance in public procurement.



CAC-BBC-LAIKO-BCBP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING





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The Procurement Monitoring Project will provide orientation, training and deployment of qualified BCBP observers. The BCBP for its part will help organize chapters' and members' forum and meetings for said orientation and trainings. The BCBP will endorse members who have expressed interest and willingness to become volunteer BAC (Bids and Awards Committee) observers in their respective areas of expertise.

Present at the signing ceremony at the AIM, Asian Institute of Management Conference Center, Makati, Metro Mla, were: Meneleo J. Carlos, Jr., National Co-Chairman of the BBC; Edgardo J. T. Tirona, CAC-BBC-LAIKO Project Committee Co-Chair; and, the BCBP represented by its Board of Trustees Chairman Roberto "Bobby" Atendido and BCBP's National Service Coordinator for Programs and Services Jose "Joey" Avellana, Jr. Signing as witnesses to this important document were Ma. Belle Beluan, BBC Exec. Director, Polly Dichoso, BBC-BAC Coordinator, and Lorenzo Judan, BCBP Executive Director. 

BCBP Participates in Ethics and Accountability in Government Consultative Workshop

The Civil Service Commission recently organized three sessions of pre-forum consultation/workshops on ethics and accountability in government. The output will be presented to President Benigno Aquino III, in compliance with his platform of Good Governance.

The first group was composed of the civil servants in the local and national levels. The youth and the academe comprised the second consultation/workshop. The third was participated in by the military, religious, media, foreign embassies and international development community, and, business and professional organizations.

The BCBP, represented by Francis and Edel Mapile (former Chapter Head of BCBP Manila), was part of the religious sector in the third and last session on Oct. 22, 2010 at CSC Building in Quezon City. The membership of the religious group included: the BCBP, the Vicar of the Diocese of Novaliches Fr. Antonio Labiao, Asst. Sec-Gen of CBCP Msgr. Joselito Asis, and leaders from the Couples for Christ, Knights

of Columbus, Iglesia ni Cristo, The Kingdom of Jesus Christ, and the Metro Manila Christian Church.

The forum was organized on three premises: 1) We are the first beneficiaries of the improvement in the civil service; 2) past and present discussions do not dictate future ones; 3) we regard the new administration as an opportunity for transformation.

The participants were tasked to come up with the five most important issues they want addressed, the signals and indicators that these issues are being addressed, and what they can do to help.

The workshop forum's briefing recounted that the prevailing civil service originated from the country's colonizers from Spain and America. Present threats to the Philippine's Civil Service system now are seen as four: fiscal soundness of government; sustaining public trust in civil service; possible loss of popular support of the civil service system; and the prevailing

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climate of thinking and behavior in civil service.

Who is to blame for the poor state of civil service in this country? Five areas/groups of people were singled out: political leaders who pass the laws and appoint people into the system; the electorate who allow the political leaders to behave that way; the laws that govern the system; the civil servants themselves; and, last but not the least, the citizens who tolerate such poor civil service.

The first consultative/workshop group (civil servants) listed several issues it felt needed to be addressed in order to improve the civil service. Appointments in the government service, as well as recognition, promotions, and discipline, should be based on merits and fitness in order to put an end to confusing messages. The evaluation of performance of the government is organizational; there is unevenness in administrative discipline (felt to be selective and unfair), and salaries do not support performance. The group also brought out the present practice wherein changes in leadership in the political level often result in the discontinuation of good projects.

The second consultative forum of youth and academe pointed out a high incidence in five types of behavior: graft and corruption,

absenteeism and tardiness, immorality, inaction in public demands, and inaction of cases. The youth and academe also felt that some groups of society (esp. the young, poor and minorities) do not have same access to careers in government as others, and that many civil servants are ignorant of the disadvantaged (youth, poor, minorities) and their plight. Another problem area that concerned the group was that the government is transmitting unethical behavior to society.


In the third consultation/workshop held October 22, while the individual group reports still have to be collated, Edel Mapile shares her notes from their participation and discussions in the religious group. This group identified the following five important issues and areas of concern, together with ways that their group could help in those areas.

Firstly there is a lack of sustainable programs to address graft and promote ethical standards. The indicator that such programs are effective is "if no one steals". Formation programs on the development of moral personal conscience are needed. Secondly, there is a lack of faith and action, many situations exist wherein needs are not really being addressed. The group recommends increasing focus on community-based programs, particularly

at barangay levels, involving parents, children, family, and patronage politics.

The third important issue the group identified is the existing culture of silence or apathy, a numbness to ethical standards. Overcoming this apathy was seen as possible through such continuing programs as pastoral accompaniment to leaders, spiritual rehab of leaders, the identification of and development of role models, etc.

Too many laws on graft and corruption and too poor enforcement were singled out as the fourth area. The group proposed that ethics subjects in schools be strengthened.

The fifth important concern was identified as a palpable "lack of conscience", an area that actually touches, either directly or indirectly, the other four important areas. Laws on graft and corruption should be consolidated and communicated; and there must be more effective and consistent enforcement that would include accountability. Report filed by Edel Mapile, BCBP Manila. 



RX for Fitness

Joe Coruna, BCBP Cagayan de Oro

Don't Turn Holiday Cheer Into Holiday Stress



Stress levels seem to reach an all-time high around holiday season. Pressure to spend, eat rich foods, skip exercise, attend all the parties in town, and please everyone (except yourself) have a way of turning holiday cheer into holiday tension. I would like to share with you some tips on how to keep your cool.



Control your holiday spending.

Unmanageable bills, excessive credit card purchases, and lots of unnecessary items gotten during those “bargain sales” – just one or all of these will not only give you major, major headaches but can also produce sleepless nights once the season’s high is over. Decide what you can spend and diligently stick to your budget. Don’t get carried away by the lavish and many times misleading advertising. Remember that gifts should come from the heart, not necessarily the pocket!



Get enough rest and exercise.

Too little sleep produces anxiety and intensifies depression. Your body systems are not created to be abused by being high na high today, then low na low tomorrow. Get enough sleep at night; take a few short naps during the day.

There’s no better remedy for insomnia and restlessness than exercise. Brisk walking at least 30 minutes a day three or four times a week not only can reduce your risk for heart problems, but it also improves muscle strength, endurance, and over time, strengthens your immune system so you will be less susceptible to the season’s colds and coughs. Brisk walking, especially with your family and friends, is a wonderful way to reduce the tension of the Christmas holidays.



Party sensibly.

Too many parties equal too much eating and drinking resulting in too much weight gain! Too many parties weaken the immune system by exposing you to cigarette smoke, your companion’s cough, and as the crowds increase, too little oxygen and too much heat; too loud noises from blaring music and crowds of people can damage your eardrums; too many parties seriously disrupt your sleep cycle.

My advice is to party sensibly, one party at a time, with adequate periods of rest, exercise and enjoying the simple pleasures of family. Above all, take time out to pray, to anticipate what Christ’s coming can do for your life, and to joyfully welcome Him into your heart.

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Let Us Renew Our Commitment to Life

On the occasion of the Solemnity of Christ the King, Nov 21, 2010, Bishop Jesse E. Mercado, D.D., Bishop of Paranaque, shared this homily with all churches in his diocese. His message is very relevant to all the faithful so we reprint it here for you to savor and reflect on.

In 1925 Pope Pius XI instituted the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Great War of 1914-1917 had ended, and yet the gloom of what we now call the Second World War was already spreading. The Holy Father noted, “We saw men and nations cut off



from God, stirring up strife and discord and hurrying along the road to ruin and death” because of a distorted nationalism – the glorification of one’s nation or race at the expense of others – and an absolute secularism – the glorification of this world at the expense of the world of God. Taking the forms of Nazism, Communism and Fascism, these horrible distortions of truth were slowly building a world without God – a humanity without God.

Today, we may not see so much of the clouds of world war, but we still see the gathering darkness of a world rejecting God: divorce, total population control, abortion, euthanasia, and the progressive repression of God-given freedoms. Without God, who will recoil from murder, including the killing of the unborn child? Without God, who will guarantee the freedom of speech, the freedom to profess and express one’s faith, the freedom of the press? Without God, who will affirm the ultimate horizon of human existence – eternal life?

In the Philippines today, what are we being tempted to do?

1. We are being tempted to blame widespread poverty on the proliferation of the poor.
2. We are being tempted to redefine what the family is, even presuming to dictate and “ideal family size”.
3. We are being tempted to believe that parents cannot adequately take care of their children and that therefore it is the government’s duty to take over the education of the next generation.
4. We are tempted to believe that God and religion have no place in public life, politics, business, education, etc.

What must we reaffirm?

1. We must reaffirm that we are poor because of the injustices and corruption that plague our society, not because we have too many children. Our children are God’s gifts to us. They are not just consumers, they are potential producers.



They are the future of our country.

2. We must reaffirm that God made man male and female and that He bade them “go forth and multiply”. He did not intend divorce, same-sex marriage or homosexual unions and other contemporary distortions of God’s will for the human family.
3. We must reaffirm that it is the parents’ obligation, prerogative and right to educate their children. It is parents who should form their children’s consciences. No school, no government office, no NGO [non-governmental organization], no UN agency can take the place of parents.
4. We must reaffirm that in a society where God is progressively marginalized and ultimately denied, the; poor become pawns, government becomes god, and freedom becomes a privilege granted to serfs by their masters instead of a God-given right with corresponding responsibility.

My brothers and sisters, do not presume that this cannot happen in the Philippines. If you read the various versions of the Reproductive Health Bill filed in the 15th Philippine Congress, you will realize that our natural respect for life, our traditional family values and the parents’ relationship with their children are being threatened. This is why we enjoin you to reject any form of the Reproductive Health Bill. Let us support, instead, House Bill 13 which provides for “the safety and protection of the unborn child”, and Senate Bill 2497, which seeks “to uphold the human rights and promote the welfare of the unborn child”.

On this Solemnity of Christ the King, let us renew our commitment as disciples of Jesus, people who walk the Way of Truth towards Life.

Despite any brainwashing to the contrary, it is by authentic witnessing to our Christian faith that we contribute to the stability, progress and development of our country. Pope Pius XI noted that the “manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men had thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives, that these had no place either in private affairs or in

politics: ...as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations. Men must look for the peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ”.

When we say, “Christus vincit! [Christ conquers!]”, we profess that Christ has already overcome death in all its forms and won for us eternal life, which gives meaning to human life, life that begins in the womb. When we sing “Christus regnat! [Christ reigns!]”, we entrust the destiny of our nation to Him, not to our faltering wisdom nor to governments that can be controlled by corrupt people. When we sing “Christus imperat”, we renew our commitment to follow Jesus, who is the Truth that sets us free, free to live the life of God.

Let us stand up and reaffirm our faith in our Lord as together we sing and proclaim:

Christus vincit!
Christus regnat!
Christus imperat!

Jesse E. Mercado, D.D.
Bishop of Paranaque



Lower Your Nets

✍ Ronnie Caballero, BCBP Makati

Do You Have The Conviction Of Heart For Discipleship In The Lord's Service?

"The crowds were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the deformed made whole, the lame walking and the blind able to see, and they glorified the God of Israel."
Matthew 15:31

I have just recently completed the module on "Are We Doing It Right? Answers To Practical Questions About the Sacraments" by Fr. Eric Eusebio S.J. at the Ateneo Rockwell campus. His in-depth approach to the sacraments was really amazing with his background of Canon Law (Ph.D). What I really found interesting with the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation but requiring as well Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist) was the innate

power they had with them. They were intended to launch a new believer into a bold life of agape, unconditional love, perfect charity, hence a life of worship. This indelible mark of Christianity and sonship blessed with the seal of the Holy Spirit were exactly what the early fathers of the Church intended to boost discipleship in its flock.

Fr. Vic Apacible, parish priest of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart says, "The best day of your life is your (sacramental baptism). You receive the promise of eternal life and become a son of God. When you are born (natural birth) into this world you are just a human." Further to that he says that baptism connects us to our first calling, which is to be fully

human. From there we move into the next stage, our next calling, towards the life of the divine, the supernatural, expressed in a life of worship, an imitation of the life of Jesus. This life of worship can be found through liturgy, prayer, receiving the teaching of our faith and brought into fruition through the witness of a holy life.

However, as experience has shown us with generations and generations of infant baptism (and for a time, confirmation at much younger ages like mine) seemed to have left a gap. Even though infant baptism has its unique advantages and important intentions what happens after looms as a concern in my point of view. Obviously an infant or a 3rd grader is not about to leap





into a life of worship towards discipleship, even with the help of their adult sponsors.

But I believe that beyond the scope of Catholic schools, who do help in this aspect, are the overwhelmed parishes who are the default initiators of this important undertaking. I believe that as parishes grew bigger the necessary launch into a life of worship has fallen on the small shoulders of the parish priest. With the national average of 40,000 parishioners per priest one wonders how much can really be done toward this end. My own adult experience of the PREX (Parish Renewal Experience) also found itself wanting in pointing renewed parishioners towards ministry and sustained spiritual growth.

Now comes the question, what is the difference between a parishioner caught in this sea of concern and a BCBP member? **MINISTRY, SERVICE, COMMITMENT AND FORMATION** are the words I proffer. These are the big differences discovered and experienced in the BCBP Way of Life. From the Brotherhood Christian Life Program into a life of service and of seeking the Lord we have found fulfillment in the spiritual journey. In other words, I am saying that the BCBP and others in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement have bridged that gap towards discipleship.

Initiation into the church and then into ministry and service has led thousands upon thousands into finding and filling that role of discipleship in Christ. But on the downside, many of our 85 million Catholic brethren have fallen by the way side after their infant baptism and only encounter the Church during preparations for their wedding or baptism of their own children. Small wonder then why we find immorality, injustice and secularism on the rise in the most Catholic nation in Asia.

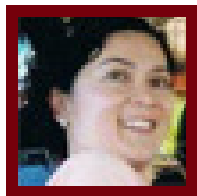
Fr. Dave Concepcion, professor at the San Jose seminary, in his Advent (which means **WAITING**) recollection to us in Makati BCBP, stressed that our attitude should be one of **ACTIVE WAITING** (making things happen) rather than that of **PASSIVE WAITING** (waiting for things to happen). There may be a number of ministries or even parish organizations calling for servants. But Fr. Dave says that at the heart of each service must be an expression of faith and love for the Lord, which is not just an assent of the mind or an expression of the lips but a **CONVICTION OF THE HEART**, with subsequent actions/service guided by such a heart.

dis·ci·ple·ship
n. to turn all people into fully devoted, mature followers of Christ

In all our 24 years in the BCBP with my wife Mari, I believe that this conviction of the heart came about through the release of the Holy Spirit during our BCLP 11 in 1986. Ever since, we have never looked back as we put our hand to that plough despite setbacks, misunderstandings, mistakes, hurt relationships and spiritual dryness. All such things were certainly outweighed by the grace and mercy that we received from Jesus Christ. Indeed I do not hesitate to proclaim that once we were spiritually blind but now we can see. Imperfect may we still be but the greatness of His mercy encourages us to move on.

In this Christmas season, let us remember the words of Fr. Dave, "The advent that we are waiting for is no longer about God coming to us because Jesus has already come, but about **OUR COMING TO GOD**."

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



Family Life

Annie Salvador, BCBP Baguio

Love is Only Difficult, Not Impossible

M Scott Peck Series, part 4

(As we conclude our quick study of Dr Peck's views on marriage and family, we move into the areas of shared responsibility and reconciliation in family relationships. These are two essential ingredients in family life, which can pave the way towards the creation of a home where God truly reigns. As always, pronouns are interchangeably used.)

Judging and Blaming Among Family Members

“Let him who has committed no sin throw the first stone at her.”
Jn 8:7

In family life, it sometimes feels that Murphy's Law is at work: If anything can go wrong, it will. Realistically speaking, difficulties are indeed part of the territory. It would be impossible to find a constantly trouble-free family. It is one thing, however, to consider the negative (of course there are positives too, but we're not focusing on those right now) CONTENT of family life – things going wrong, clashes of individual wills, disappointments and unmet expectations, hurts inflicted between family members – and still another to look into the PROCESS considerations. Very simply, process considerations refer to how we manage things, regardless of whether they are positive or negative to begin with.

Therefore there's a world of difference between a parent who

forgives the child who is caught lying, and one who punishes the same with a slap in the face. Likewise, we can establish the contrast between a parent who negotiates a promise of “never again” from a son who comes home drunk, against another, who threatens to “skin you alive” if the transgression is repeated.

Indeed, as parents who necessarily come face to face with the offences of our children, the initial impulses we experience are to ascribe blame to the misbehaving person. Once fault is pinpointed, we go about giving consequences as we see fit. It is interesting, however, that we often ascribe blame to someone else.

Is the teen who experiments with smoking really the culprit if for instance his father is a chain smoker, or if ashtrays and cigarettes are

liberally strewn around the home? Can an overweight daughter be held fully responsible for her condition if, in the home, the ref is teeming with empty calories, or Mama is a couch potato, or if their favorite family outing takes them to a fastfood joint? If we really want to do the right thing, if we really want to exercise just and wise parenting, we need to set our sights far and deep, beyond the apparent misbehavior, onto factors which might have brought it on.

In order to arrest the tendency to project responsibility to other family members through blaming, even attacking, each individual





in the family (and by this, we fully expect the parents to lead the way by example!) must start the search for understanding and resolution of the difficulty by looking at one's own behavior.

In addition to being unfair, misdirected and self-righteous, another problem with simply projecting blame onto other persons is that responsibility is ascribed to outside of the self. One who projects blame places the responsibility onto another person whom he has actually little power to affect. A parent can lecture her child against smoking until both of them are blue, and she can mete out punishment after punishment, but if the young one REALLY decides to pick up the vice, he will. Indeed, it feels very powerless to force

someone else to grow. A spouse or parent who attempts to change a partner or child will often experience frustration and attract resistance. Healthful growth and acceptance of responsibility are ultimately internally controlled.

It might be more helpful, process-wise, for a parent or spouse confronting such a dilemma to examine his own manners, habits and attitudes – especially those he is not exactly conscious of. How could these have possibly contributed to the undesirable behavior? What can he personally do in order to be a better influence and inspiration to the offending family member? A wife who would like her husband to be more-this or less-that can cultivate such a change only by working on her own behaviors and thoughts toward

the difference between linear thinking, where A causes B, and systemic thinking, where circular patterns of responsibility and reciprocity are considered. In a marital conflict, it is often not enough to look for the singular cause of a problem. Many times there are two traceable “beginnings” somewhere in the life of each spouse, even before they met each other! To truly address the conflict, there should be less concern over the origin of the difficulty and more towards what each of them is doing to contribute to and perpetuate it. This is also true in the parent-child relationship. Moreso, because if each parent were to trace her child's beginnings, she is most certainly part of it!

her husband. If she simply tells him – or tells him off! – she will likely produce the opposite outcomes.

Responsibility for one's self rests upon one's self. And because these are such intimate relationships where so much is shared, the health of a marriage or a family rests fully upon each member of the unit.

Linked to the concept of shared responsibility is

When Jesus said “Let him who has committed no sin throw the first stone at her”, he was describing Christian relationships in a systemic rather than linear way. The matter was not simply the woman's adultery. The society she was in, as well as all the members of it, were contributors to the situation that led her to sin. We are, indeed, our brothers' keepers.

Reconciliation

“Your sins are forgiven you.”
Luke 5:20

A common theme in all the stories about Jesus is the emphasis placed on acceptance. Jesus, despite hating sin, always loved the sinners, in all their corruption and wretchedness.



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In the most constructive form of self-love a person is not afraid to look at both the positive and the negative aspects of himself. Consequently, spouses and children will not have to be dumping grounds of negative projections. The Christian parent ought to sincerely attempt to love all aspects of herself and demonstrate “good fruits.”

How does a person accept all these ugly parts of the self when society teaches us to hide fears and hurts and negative parts of ourselves? When there is such pressure to be admirably flawless?

First, Jesus preached the forgiveness of sins. If the concept of forgiveness is truly integrated and applied,

a person will not have to hide from the parts of himself which are difficult to accept. Second, God’s acceptance of humanity, symbolized by the incarnation of the Son, gives each individual the power to accept himself in all its humanity. God’s forgiveness and acceptance gives us the courage and opportunity to look at our successes and failures, strengths and weaknesses, and incorporate them into the fabric of our lives. This is an excellent example of how process can make the best of any content.

A family made up of persons who accept Christ’s forgiveness will be characterized by the struggle to understand one another and look at their own complicity for the failures or difficulties in their relationships. A Christian

marriage is made up of two individuals who are not afraid to ask, “What am I contributing to the problem?” and “How am I enhancing my growth and that of my spouse?” This extends toward the entire family. The goal for the Christian, in enhancing the sanctity of marriage and the family, is to use Christ’s gift of forgiveness of sins and acceptance of humanity in the journey towards self-reflection, self-knowledge, self-acceptance and self-integration through the power of the Holy Spirit.

While no one attains it fully, the closer we come to reconciling all parts of ourselves, the healthier we can become, the more able we are to love another unconditionally. ✠

LOVE, RELATIONSHIPS, AND LIFE

Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look which becomes a habit. – *Peter Ustinov*

To love is to receive a glimpse of heaven. – *Karen Sunde*

Faith makes all things possible. Hope makes all things bright. Love makes all things easy. – *Anon*

At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child, or a parent. – *Barbara Bush*

Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend them all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster. Your life will never be the same again.

– *Og Mandino*

Once we discover how to appreciate the timeless values in our daily experiences, we can enjoy the best things in life. – *Harry Hepner*

The best time to make friends is before you need them. – *Ethel Barrymore*

The key to happiness belongs to everyone on earth who recognizes simple things as treasures of great worth. – *Anon*

The good for which we are born into this world is that we may learn to love. – *G. MacDonald*



●●● Features

In anticipation of the holidays and the frenzied hassle of finding the “right” gifts – gifts that are stamped with our fingerprints and heartprints, for our children, grandchildren, apo sa tuhod, nieces and nephews plus dozens of cousins, the staff at the office, friends and more friends, I would like to share with you a poem that I copied years ago from a 1976 McCall’s Magazine and have treasured all these years. I sat down to write about gift-giving and children, but I feel that this anonymous poem says it much better than I could.

–Nancy R. Catan, BCBP Portal Editor

What shall we give the children?

In the long twilight of the year, the faces of the children grow luminous. Rosy with cold, arabesque with snowflakes, leaning into the wind or drowsing before the fire, their eyes large, they look and listen, as if they glimpse the peripheries of miracle or hear soundless music in the air.

From the innocent kingdom of implicit belief to that uncomfortable arena where the implacable mind battles the intractable heart, the faces of children at Christmas are lighted with visions of things to come.

What shall we give the children?

It seems certain that they will travel roads we never thought of, navigate

strange seas, cross unimagined boundaries and glimpse horizons beyond our power to visualize.

What can we give them to take along? For the wild shores of Beyond, no toy or bauble will do. It must be something more, constructed of stouter fabric discovered among the cluttered aisles and tinselled bargain counters of experience, winnowed from what little we have learned. It must be devised out of responsibility and profound caring – a homemade present of selfless love. Everything changes but the landscape of the heart.

What shall we give the children?

Attention, for one day it will be too late. A sense of value, the inalienable place of the individual in the scheme of things, with all that accrues to the individual – self-reliance, courage, conviction, self-respect and respect for others.

A sense of humor. Laughter leavens life.

The meaning of discipline. If we falter at discipline, life will do it for us.

The will to work. Satisfying work is the lasting joy.

The talent for sharing, for it is not so much what we give as what we share.

The love of justice. Justice is the bulwark against violence and oppression and the repository of human dignity.

The passion for truth, founded on precept and example. Truth is the beginning of every good thing.



The power of faith, engendered in mutual trust.

Life without faith is a dismal dead-end street.

The beacon of hope, which lights all darkness.

The knowledge of being loved beyond demand or reciprocity, praise or blame, for those so loved are never lost.

What shall we give the children?

The open sky, the brown earth, the leafy tree, the golden sand, the blue water, the stars in their courses and the awareness of these.

Birdsong, butterflies, clouds and rainbows. Sunlight, moonlight, firelight.

A large hand reaching down for a small hand, impromptu praise, an unexpected kiss, a straight answer.

The glisten of enthusiasm and a sense of wonder.

Long days to be merry in and nights without fear.

The memory of a good home.

This is what we should give the children!



What Shall We Give the Children?

●●● Testimonies

I Received the Best Christmas Gift of All

The Personal Testimony of Bro. Raul de la Pena, BCBP Lipa



LUKE 1: 26-37 concludes with the angel telling Mary that “With God nothing is impossible.” I would like to share with you how I know that the angel’s statement is true, real, and wonderfully, wonderfully true!

Malamig na naman ang simoy ng hangin. I remember many Christmases ago, even before the month of December sets in, our family is already busy shopping for the things that will be needed come Christmas time. I make sure that we have gifts and baskets of groceries to give out to relatives and friends and most of all, expensive wine that we can partake of in our merry making. That was the meaning of Christmas for me then – ‘Giving’. When somebody gave me a gift, I made sure that I would give that person something much more expensive than what I received. I didn’t want anybody looking down on something I had given them. More often than not, gift giving was merely like exchange gifts for me – no meaning, no spirit of giving – just a matter of pride, arrogance.

For a long time, that was the essence of Christmas for me. Until little by little, my eyes were opened to the real meaning of the spirit of Christmas. Through Bible reading and in particular, Matthew Chapter 2, helped me understand that the meaning of Christmas is not just giving gifts but offering to Jesus Christ what I am and what I have. Like the magi who didn’t give each other the gifts – gold, frankincense and myrrh, but offered them instead to the infant Jesus as a sign that they acknowledged Christ as the King of Kings. And this is what I did when I received Christ as my Lord, my King and my Savior

On October 1, 2009, five days before my 38th b-day, I was confined in the hospital for a nasopharyngeal biopsy. After a few days of waiting for the result, I was devastated when the doctor told me that I have nasopharynx carcinoma. Brothers and sisters, maganda lang pakinggan dahil parang sosyal ang dating pero cancer po ang kahulugan nito – I was seriously ill. The doctors advised me to undergo chemo and radiation therapy for 49 days - 35 sessions on radiation, 5

times a week, and 6 sessions of chemo therapy.

I knew right there and then that the days ahead would be tough. The cost for treatment of both radiation and chemotherapy would be enormous; not to mention the cost of medicine that I would be needing and the hospital bills. My wife and I didn’t know where we were going to get the money for treatment.

Christmas Season was just around the corner and we didn’t have enough savings for both the holidays and my treatments. All we did during those times was seek for God’s help and mercy as we lifted up to Him everything. We at once felt His presence with us in so many ways. He sent people to give us help and support – those who prayed with and for us, those who gave us financial help, those who in one way or the other made our load bearable – many people that we didn’t even seek help from, He brought to us to help us. He even guided the doctors and the hospital staff who were attending to my needs. The Lord is truly awesome in His ways even sending people to help us out



financially – we didn’t even have to look for them – He sent them to us. God is Good!

Before, I didn’t ever want to ask for help; what I wanted then was that I be the one to give help. Most of all, I never wanted anyone to feel sorry for me. But after what I’ve been through, the Lord totally changed me: my selfishness, self-centeredness and arrogance vanished and He replaced it with humility, meekness and compassion. I acknowledged before Him that I am nothing and it is only to Him that I can ask for mercy and strength and so to Him I offered everything.

During those difficult times, all that my wife and I did was to give praises and glory to God; we kept on praying; we read the Bible as it was from His words that we relied upon as we claimed the promises written there. He didn’t let us down. There are a lot of promises written in the Bible that if not proclaimed will be totally wasted. God is not a liar and His word is alive. I can say this now because I am a living witness. I wouldn’t have the right to say these things if I hadn’t experienced it.

December 10, 2009 was my last therapy – a few days before Christmas. As I gave thanks and praises to God, I couldn’t contain my happiness for the new life that He was giving me. No need to make plans for Christmas. What

was important was that my family and I would be together.

But God is truly generous when it comes to gift giving, for 3 days after my last therapy, while I was resting and trying to live a normal life, He gave us again another gift – an awesome blessing. James 1:12 “Happy are those who remain faithful under trials, because when they succeed in passing the test, they will receive as their reward the life which God has promised to those who love him.” Truly all things are possible with God.

For our almost 16 years of marriage, my wife Luchie and I never lost hope of having a child of our own. We believed that in God’s perfect time, my wife would conceive. After so many check-ups with so many ob-gyne, the last doctor told us that Luchie couldn’t conceive a child in a normal way because of her blocked fallopian tube at polysistic pa po siya. Her doctor suggested for us to undergo invitro in Singapore, because they have a high success rate there. But we decided instead to rely on God’s will and so we never got tired of asking God for a child and we continued to hope. I remember my wife’s prayer was: “Lord, You gave me this hope and until now it is in my heart.” We couldn’t contain our hearts with joy when 3 days after my last therapy, we found out that Luchie was pregnant. Truly our Lord is a Marvelous God! He works in

wondrous ways. That Christmas of 2009, the Lord gave our family two lives – mine and our child’s, a healthy baby daughter now one year old! We have named her Cian Janah: Cian means persistent faith, Janah means gift from God.

A few days to go, and Christmas will once again be here. Now, we are into a different kind of preparation – we are preparing for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. I know now that the true spirit of Christmas is love for others not only for my family, relatives and friends; calling to mind all our sins and being sorry for them, turning our backs on them; forgiveness; living the fruits of the Holy Spirit; faith and trust in God and most of all, the real reason for the Christmas celebration – God sent His only Son Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Savior. He is a gift we don’t deserve but the Father sent Him nonetheless because of His great love for us.

May we receive this everlasting gift and may we live worthy of God’s love not only this Christmas Season but all through our lives. May we be like the star that guided the magi so that we too like stars will become the light, even the salt for the people we encounter each day. For me, this is the true essence of Christmas. ❧



I Thirsted for the Lord and Found Him in the BCBP

The Personal Testimony of Bro Bert Masiplat, RCD So. Tagalog II

After being married for 27 years and after 13 years in the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals, I have a lot of things to share about the goodness of God in my life. But I would like to focus in this testimony on my service to God through the BCBP community, how God's plans and decisions have molded my wife and I into what we are today. One of my favorite verses is Ephesians 1:11: "All things are done according to God's plan and decision; and God chose us to be his own people in union with Christ because of His own purpose, based on what he had decided from the very beginning."

I was born to simple barrio folks from La Paz, Tarlac, the youngest in the brood of 9. My father was a farmer and my mother owned a small sari-sari store. I belong to a family of varied religious denominations – parang United Nations ang dating – one of my sisters was an Iglesia ni Cristo, one was a Rizalista, another a Born Again Christian, one was an avid follower of Ang Dating Daan. My father, who himself got converted to Iglesia ni Cristo, and my mother, were good, hard working, and responsible parents but they failed in shepherding us their children in the matters of faith. Nobody took us to church

on Sundays and other holidays. When we were kids, we would just go and visit the church on Christmas Day but leave hurriedly to go to visit our ninongs and ninangs.

Farming is a decent job, but I knew, that it was not for me. And so I made a vow that I would go to college whatever it takes. The sacrifices of my mother, who was a frugal person, and my perseverance paid off when I graduated in Engineering in a Manila university. After working for a year or so, I learned that the Philippine Air Force, PAF, was in need of Aviation Cadets for the PAF Flying School and so I applied.

The next 22 months we were subjected to rigorous training, both physically and mentally that I endured for I thought that it would be the key to a successful life. I was assigned to Fernando Air Base after graduation and became an instructor pilot. To show my love and appreciation to my parents for their sacrifices, I planned to build them a house in Tarlac. And just in time, I learned that there was a new architect in the Engineering Squadron. When I saw Loids, I knew she was the girl for me.

As I got to know her, I learned that she was prayerful and it was a must that I go to mass on Sundays, but how can I complain when I was able to go to church with her? We got married on May 21, 1983 – a memorable military wedding made more meaningful with the presence of my whole family who for the first time attended mass together on our wedding day.

We were blessed with a healthy baby boy after a year. Loids put her career on hold so she could take care of our bundle of joy. Aside from my job with the PAF, I also taught math at the PAF College of Aeronautics at night. Because she was left alone with the baby all during day until late at night, Loids found it hard to adjust to her totally new kind of environment and busy husband, even while she enjoyed being a new mom. One day, she took a big bag, put her things and the baby's things in it and called her parents to come and get her.

After about 15 minutes her parents arrived, and without saying anything, held Loid's hands and mine, sat us down on our bed, and prayed for us. Loid's Dad, a Protestant, and my mother-in-law, a Catholic, prayed to the Lord to bless our marriage. Dad prayed for enlightenment,



strength and courage to face the trials that would be coming our way. He prayed to make our marriage work, to give us the ability to adjust to each other completely, that love and peace would always reign over our home and our lives. I don't know about Loids, but that experience moved me. It awakened something in me, something during that time I couldn't explain.

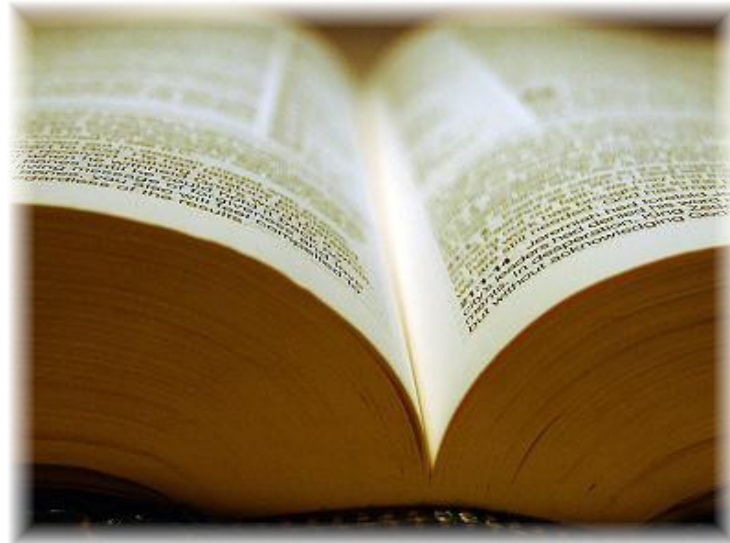
Things began to lighten up after that as Loids gradually adjusted to the life inside the base. Two years later she gave birth to a baby girl. Loids made sure that the family attended mass on Sundays, and on Wednesdays, she attended the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. I continued my promising career in the Air Force and was able to attend Military Schooling in Texas, USA, where Loids joined me.

When I learned that Philippine Air Lines was opening its doors to new pilots, I applied and was hired as a B747 Systems Engineer. We began to plan our future and build our dreams. But I noticed that Loids seemed to be constantly in pain all over, and more often than not, our times together would end in her being in the hospital. Doctors couldn't find anything wrong with her.

Months turned into years and despite her continuous, unexplained health problems, Loids never got tired of praying

and reading the Bible. She says that she seemed to hear a whisper at the back of her mind urging her to "Serve".

One day her cousin and his wife invited Loids and me to the Christian Life Program of the BCBP Lipa Outreach. She told me, "Bert, this is the Lord answering my prayers, He will heal me through this community." I can't quite understand how I was able to finish the CLP, considering I always had a tight flight schedule. But I was moved



by the talks and made sure that I would always be present as much as possible. I had found the way to know more about my God and I knew my thirst for Him would at last be quenched. We both completed the BCLP and have been active in the Brotherhood since then.

Loids' health gradually improved. I was promoted in preparation to captaincy, and I became more and more inspired to serve in my new-found community. But on June of 1998 the Airlines Association of the Phils , ALPAP,

staged a strike and I was out of work for 6 months. For the first time in m life I experienced fear – fear for our future and the future of our children. I feared how we would be able to get along once our savings in the bank had been depleted. I feared not being able to fulfill all the dreams that Loids and I had drawn together. The fear of not being able to fly is synonymous to not being able to express myself, because that's the kind of work that I love best doing.

We were thankful that we were already in the BCBP when the strike came. Knowing God was watching over us gave me the strength and courage to endure. The strike gave me the opportunity to serve fulltime in the BCBP as the Formation Director of the Lipa Outreach. Despite our financial difficulties, we didn't skip nor lessen the giving of tithes, and we attended

all of the activities for that is where we drew our strength.

Each night before sleeping, Loids and I would hold hands and pray for the Lord's guidance, for enlightenment and courage. We laid my situation before the Lord. Should I swallow my pride and return to PAL, did I have the courage to turn m back on ALPAP and my former classmates and kumpares who were sticking it out with their principles? Should I just apply in other airlines outside of the country like some of the

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other pilots? Should Loids and I try our luck in the USA?

But we knew that we never wanted to leave family or BCBP that had become our strength and support. This community was where I had come to know my Lord and Savior. Serving Him had given me the opportunity to quench my thirst for Him. Through the BCBP my wife was healed and we'd never been as happy as when we were together serving God. I simply could not turn my back on Him.

I turned to the Bible, searching for answers. It was also during those trying times when I really got to know my wife. She didn't push me, she was not materialistic, she supported my decisions, and her faith and trust in me gave me strength. And then I bargained with God: "Lord, if you want me to continue my service to You, then please, find me a job where I can also be with my family." I claimed the Lord's promise in 2 Samuel 22:7: "In my trouble I called to the Lord; I called to my God for help. In His temple He heard my voice; He listened to my cry for help."

Loids suggested that we make a novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help to ask for her intercession and guidance. Loids even boasted that the Blessed Mother had never let her down yet. That, I said to myself, I have to see for myself. The 9th Wednesday of our novena coincided with our BCBP Action Group Meeting. The group prayed over me for guidance and discernment. I slept peacefully that night, the first peaceful sleep

I had had in a long long time. I woke up early decided to return to PAL. They welcomed me back.

Those long six months of ordeal taught me a lot of things. I learned to value and appreciate my job better, I learned about the power of prayers, the importance of having a support group like the BCBP where the members tirelessly pray for and intercede for each other's concerns and be there to celebrate and thank the Lord when each prayer is answered. I learned that we live only by God's Mercy and Grace. You might have all the money, success and power in this world, but in just one snap of a finger, you may lose it all. And so, what is more important that all that is to have a personal relationship with the Lord, to have faith and trust that He will always be there whenever we call on Him. And, yes, Loids is right – Mama Mary hasn't ever let her down!


As we grew deeper and deeper in our relationship with the Lord, our faith, love and loyalty to Him became stronger. I performed the tasks given to me diligently. And then God tested my sincerity in my bargain with him. Despite our being new in the BCBP, and with several other qualified brothers, I was selected to be BCBP Lipa's Outreach Head. With the 100% support of the members, Lipa soon became a vibrant and strong community...and were elevated to chapterhood.

Regarding my career as a commercial pilot, I entertained thoughts of resigning from PAL to move to other airlines to earn

more. I also was thinking that my task as a Chapter Head would be over soon. Loids and I again prayed for discernment. And, lo and behold!, I was promoted to Group 1 – B747 Captain and at the same time received a generous raise. Truly our God hears and answers prayers.

In May 2010 my term as Chapter Head ended and immediately I was given the position of Regional Council Director for Southern Tagalog 2. I knew I would have to accept this new service, for how could I say no when God clearly wanted us to serve Him. When I opened my Bible, the Lord spoke to me in 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Keep busy always in your work for the Lord, since you know that nothing you do in the Lord's service is ever useless."

God calls us to service in many different ways. For s, He used Loid's health. He used two extremely opposite people to make their lives blissful and joyful, while serving Him. God rules over our home and our lives. We searched for Him, we found Him; He called us, thankfully and willingly we obliged. The Lord is the one to thank for all of our blessings in life. "As for me, how wonderful to be near God, to find protection with the Sovereign Lord and to proclaim all that he has done" (Psalm 73:28).

Brothers and sisters, let's joyfully serve the Lord the BCBP way. It's the best way. It's in our breath and in our blood. It's our life. Praise God! 



Where Does Your Faith Lead You?

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In **Luke 17:5** the Apostles ask Jesus: “Increase our faith.” This, too, should be our constant prayer. Faith is always demanding, because faith leads us beyond ourselves. It leads us directly to God. Faith also imparts a vision of life’s purpose and stimulates us to action. Christ has commanded us to let the light of the Gospel shine forth in our service to society. And yet, how can we profess faith in God’s word, and then refuse to let it inspire and direct our thinking, our activity, our decisions, and our responsibilities towards one another?

Today, we find some Catholics are tempted to discouragement or disillusionment. They are tempted to cry out to God in different ways: why does God not intervene when violence threatens his people; why does

God let us see ruin and misery; why does God permit evil? We need to remember that our waiting for God is never in vain. Every moment is our opportunity to model ourselves on Jesus Christ – to allow the power of the Gospel to transform our personal lives and our service to others, according to the spirit of the Beatitudes. There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy or cross that Christ has not already faced and conquered. This is the everlasting anchor of our faith.

Openness to the Lord – a willingness to let the Lord transform our lives and enliven our faith – should produce a renewed spiritual and missionary vitality among us. Christian witness takes different forms at different moments in our lives and in the life of our nation. Sometimes, witnessing to Christ will mean drawing out of a culture the full meaning of its noblest intentions, a fullness that is revealed in Christ. At other times, witnessing to Christ means challenging that culture, especially when the truth about the human person is under assault.

form the basis of a profound and universal dialogue among people about the direction they must give to their lives and their activities.

As Christians in the BCBP Community, we must actively respond to St. Paul’s charge to Timothy! “Guard the rich deposit of faith with the help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us” (**2 Tim 1:14**). Pope John Paul II challenges us to “guard the truth that is the condition of authentic freedom, the truth that allows freedom to be filled in goodness. We must guard the deposit of divine truth handed down to us in the Church, especially in view of the challenges posed by a materialistic culture and by a permissive mentality that reduces freedom to license. But we ... must do more than guard this truth. We must proclaim it, in season and out of season; we must celebrate it with God’s people, in the sacraments; we must live it in charity and service; we must bear public witness to the truth that is Jesus Christ.”

For Reflection:

What are the challenges facing you today? How can you as an individual, and you as a BCBP member in community, respond to these challenges in the fullness of truth and faith in God and in Jesus Christ?

Scripture Verses

Luke 17:5; 2 Tim 1:6-10,14; Colossians 3:12-17; 1 Thess 3:9-13; Galatians 5:1,5-6,13; 6:9-10.

Today, the challenge facing us is to find freedom’s fulfillment in the truth: the truth that is intrinsic to human life created in God’s image and likeness, the truth that is written on the human heart, the truth that can be known by reason and can therefore



•• Ladies' Forum

The Ministry of Womanhood

As Christian women we are given a unique ministry, the ministry of being a woman, a woman after God's own heart. What does this mean? The woman after God's own heart is one who knows who God is intimately and trustingly, who knows without doubt that He loves her. Hers is a heart enriched by joy in, and with, the Lord.

She thirsts after and pursues spiritual growth, is teachable

and willing to learn what God wants to teach her. Her heart is committed to prayer and rooted in God's Word because she understands the importance of spiritual gardening, that one's life will only bear good fruit if one's root system is strong and healthy.

This woman has a heart not only for God but also for His people; hers is a heart that cares, that loves, that forgives, that shares. Like Mama Mary, she is present

when needed, she serves with a smile and a helping hand, she encourages others with her generosity of soul. She values herself as a woman and goes out of her way to be in right relationships with others.

This Ministry of Womanhood is expressed in our everyday lives in everything we

do. Each one of us lives out our ministry in different ways: being a wife and mother, in having a career or profession, through our hospitality and our stewardship, in community, in service and mission activities, by our joy and contentment in the roles God has blessed us with.

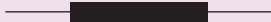
In Community, like the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals of which Jun and I are active members, we women have a very special role to live out. Not only are we to live out our ministry as Christian women, but we are also tasked with the important and key responsibility of providing the necessary anchor of love in positively contributing to upbuilding a vibrant and caring BCBP community.

This task of being a godly woman is not only applicable for a Christian community, but also for the family, for the church group that you belong to, for your barangay. We should treasure our womanhood and seek out ways to strengthen ourselves as Christian women, wives and mothers, to being in right relationships with others and with God. We should also reach





out and do our share in providing support and a strong anchor of loving relationships and service in the community where God has placed us. We must embrace with our lives and our hearts the Ministry of Womanhood that our God has entrusted us with.



As Christian women, we are not only given a unique ministry, the ministry of being a woman after God's own heart, but in the Gospels we are shown that women have a special and close relationship with Jesus. This leads us to examine our own relationship with Jesus.

In the little book by Fr. Divo Barsotti, as translated by Fr. Adolf Faroni, sdb, entitled *Woman in the Gospels* (Don Bosco Press, Inc.), the author writes:

“No woman who has encountered Jesus is condemned; and in her relationship with Him, woman seems to have a power on His heart. Jesus chooses the twelve to stay with Him and sends them to announce the Good News of the Kingdom. Instead, the women who choose Jesus, follow Him and remain faithful to Him, even when everybody abandons Him. It seems that the mission of the announcement is first granted to the women: it is the Prophetess Anna who speaks of Him who was born in Jerusalem; it is the Samaritan woman who announces Him to the Samaritan people, and



finally it is Mary of Magdala, whom Jesus himself sends to the apostles to announce the resurrection.”

Especially in the Gospels of Luke and John, the women, singly and as a group, are always nearby Jesus. His first miracle, changing water to wine during the wedding at Cana, was requested by Mary, his mother. Jesus takes his rest in the house of Mary and Martha in Bethany. He does not condemn the adulterous woman; He commends the widow who offers her last pennies at the Temple; He appreciates the gesture of the woman who washed his feet with perfume. It was the group of women who contributed their time and resources in seeing to the needs of Jesus and his apostles as they travelled from one place to another.

Even during Jesus' Way of the Cross, He paused to speak to the women of Jerusalem; it was a woman who wiped his bloody face with her towel. While the disciples fled and hid, the women stayed with Him even unto the cross. Fr. Barsotti writes: “We can imagine Christ without the Apostles, but not Christ without His Mother.”

In His encounters and relationships with women, Jesus sees their needs and provides for them. He is touched by their suffering and comforts them, even raising their loved ones from the dead. With the women, He nourishes a relationship of fidelity, of friendship, and even of love. We warm to his loving and close relationship with Mary, his mother, who believed in

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Her Son and his mission, and who supported Him in faith throughout His life, death and resurrection.

What, then, do we glean from the Gospels about the ministry of womanhood, especially about our role as Christian women? First of all, we need to take notice of not only that women had a relationship with Jesus, and He with them, but more so, how this relationship affected them. We need to put ourselves in their shoes (or sandals) and

ask ourselves: “How did this relationship with Jesus affect her life, her emotions, her faith?”

Then, we take a closer look at our own life and our own relationship with Jesus and ask ourselves the same question: “How does my relationship with Jesus affect my life? How do I feel in the presence of Jesus? How does Jesus see me? What does Jesus want me to do?”

As we embrace more sincerely the ministry of womanhood

in our everyday lives, we will begin to realize that our being ‘woman’ denotes a special relationship with Jesus. And as a woman, we must knowingly and willingly nourish this relationship as Jesus draws us closer to Him and reveals to each of us, the particular and unique mission He has for each one of us. Our response to His loving relationship with us will determine how well we accept our role and responsibility as a woman in Jesus’ mission and ministry. –Nancy Catan 

THERE IS NO UNIMPORTANT PIECE

Do you have an attendance or punctuality problem in your action group? Try this.

Find a nice picture from a magazine or calendar, cut it out and paste the picture on a piece of cartolina or illustration board. Then cut it into pieces like a jigsaw puzzle; be sure you have the exact number of pieces as the number of members in your group. Send one piece to each person, with instructions to bring that piece to the next meeting. Or, if the members are complete during your meeting now, give them each a piece of the puzzle to bring to the next meeting.

In the next meeting as your members arrive, ask them to place their pieces into the puzzle. When it’s time to start the AGM (action group meeting), examine the puzzle together. Are all the pieces in place? You may see that even the pieces that “showed up” may be isolated and unattached, making them more prone to fall out of the picture altogether.



Whether your puzzle ends up fully assembled or woefully incomplete, you’ve laid the basis for a spirited discussion on 1 Corinthians 12, about “one body, many parts” being the oneness of the body of Christ.

This is a fresh way to visualize the importance of each member in your group, even if they only feel like a small piece of God’s puzzle.

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CHAPTER/OUTREACH	VENUES	DAY	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	CONTACT PERSON	CELL PHONE
METRO MANILA								
CAMANAVA	Max's Restaurant, EDSA, Cal.	SAT	M	S	M	J	Edwin Galinato	09178176007
NAVOTAS c/o Camanava	Jollibee, Naval St., Navotas	TUE	-	M	-	J	Romy Padua	09325958846
GREENHILLS	Club Filipino, San Juan	THU	M	S	M	J	William Dionisio	09178330099
PASIG c/o Greenhills	Congo Grille, El Pueblo, Ortigas Ctr	SAT	M	J	M	M	Bert Salanga	09178487604
QUEZON CITY	Max's Restaurant, Sct. Tuazon	SAT	M	J	M	S	Micmic Juayno	09174805715
CAPITOL HILLS c/o QC	Albergus Resto, Capitol Hills / Balara	SAT		M		M	Roy Calleja	09177962690
NOVALICHES c/o QC	Dory's Grill. Commonwealth Ave	SAT	J	-	J	-	Roy Calleja	09177962690
RIZAL	Max's Restaurant, Taytay	SAT	M	S	M	J	Ron Ramos	09175587757
MARIKINA	McDonalds, Marcos Hiway nr Filinvest	SAT	M	M	J	M	Marlon Centeño	09088617073
ALABANG	Ayala Alabang Country Club	SAT	M	J	M	S	Bobby Corrales	09175457696
LAS PIÑAS	Max's Resto, Alabang-Zapote Rd	SAT	M	M	M	J	Richard delaRosa	09178250973
MAKATI	Makati Sports Club	WED	M	J	M	M	Rudy Orino	09272544687
TAGUIG c/o Makati	Maxs Resto (nr McDo) Global City	SAT	M	J	M	J	Dindo Ibazeta	09175136667
MANILA	Jade Vine Resto, UN Ave., Ermita	FRI	J	S	M	M	Ferdie Correa	09176271009
MANILA NORTH	Chowking, Abad Santos cor Hermosa	SAT	J	J	J	J	Bong Rivera	0917 3991386
PARAÑAQUE	Max's Restaurant, Sucat, Pqe	SAT	M	S	M	J	Joel Millena	09178048826
PASAY CITY	Greenside, Villamor Golf Club, Pasay	SAT	-	M	-	J	Sen Cid	09177908545
PTO PRINCESA NORTH	Linda Hall, Skylight Restaurant	SAT	J	-	S	-	Marlon Sendaydiego	09194362771
PTO PRINCESA SOUTH	Ardent Hotel, San Miguel	SAT	-	S	-	J	Nelson Caabay	09178196768
NORTHERN & CENTRAL LUZON								
BAGUIO	Supreme Hotel, Magsaysay Ave	SAT	M	J	M	S	Glen dela Cruz	09063100346
CANDON, Ilocos	AraMarie Resto (Farmer's)	SAT		J		J	Onnie Duran	09286264381
DAGUPAN	Star Plaza*, Pinkies**	SAT	J*	L**	M**		Lito Magno	09287551500
URDANETA	Ciudad Fernandina	SAT	-	J	-	M	Ariel Noranda	09179676671
LAOAG	M-Michoice Resto, J-Palazzo dLaog	SAT	-	M	-	J	Sydney Santiago	09175700100
SAN FERNANDO, L.U.	Sea & Sky	SAT	J	-	S	M	Allan Avila	09173501091
TUGUEGARAO	Crown Resto & Hotel	SAT	M	M	S	J	Bing Ramirez	09282422323
SANTIAGO, ISABELA	Hotel Amancio	SAT	M	J	J	M	Nash Lagman	09228692221
NUEVA VIZCAYA	Governor's Palace, Solano	SAT	-	J	M	J	Alain Manaig	09175783833
APARRI	St. Patrick Hotel	SAT	J	-	J	-	Angel Rabago	09279437744
ANGELES	KM 86 Food Rest. Sta. Maria	SAT	J	J	J	J	Meng Evaresto	09189401614
BALANGA Bataan	Crown Royale Hotel	SAT	J	J	J	J	Oca Banzon	09175760982
BULACAN CENTRAL	Max's Rest., Guiginto, Bulacan	SAT	M	J	M	S	Eddie Agustin	09052210092
BULACAN NORTH (Pulilan)	Café Narciso, Pulilan	SAT	J	J	J	M	Dani Marcelo	09164669303
CABANATUAN	Village Inn, Mabini Homes	SAT	M	J	S	J	Andy Fernandez	09157921656
OLONGAPO	Max's Restaurant, Magsaysay Drive	SAT	J	J	J	J	Nestor Publico	09209519791
SAN FERNANDO, PAMP.	Villa Conchita R (M)/ McDonalds (S)	SAT	J	M	M	S	Lito Santos	09209510739
GAPAN	Jjerrbee's Resto	SAT	J	J	J	J	Noli Inton	09164097865
SOUTHERN LUZON								
BACOR	Paradiso Terrestre, Molino	SAT	M	-	M	-	Gerry Arais	09285079736
BATANGAS CITY	Hotel Pontefino	SAT	M	J	M	J	Alen Abendan	09228998991
NASUGBU	Chowking Resto	SAT		J		J	Dan Pasia	09209035490
BIÑAN-SAN PEDRO	Max's Resto Pavillion, Binan	SAT	M	J	M	M	Eugene de Guzman	09273187240

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CALAMBA	Riverview Resort	SAT	M	J	M	S	Don Alarcon	09189293853
CALAPAN	Chowking, Calapan	SAT	M	J	S	M	Rod Umali	09175040832
IMUS	Orchard Golf & Country Club	SAT	M	J	M	M	Arnold dela Rosa	09285009363
DAET	Golden Palace & Restaurant	SAT	-	J	-	J	Tony Magana	09195888034
GEN TRIAS	Tempura Resto, Gov Drive, Manggahan	SAT	J	M	S	M	Boy Castro	09195714042
LIPA	Luntian Restaurant, Lipa City	SAT	M	J	M	S	Boy delos Reyes	09178218409
LOS BANOS	Chowking, Vega Ctr, Grove LB	SAT	M	J	M	M	Ferdie Cartano	09228063794
LUCENA	Guisseppi Restaurant	SAT	M	J	M	S	Joji Aranilla	09209095545
SABLAYAN	GVD Resto, Buenavista	SAT		J		J	Boy Abeleda	09209245826
SAN PABLO	Coco Palace Nat Hiway	SAT	M	J	M	S	Willie Cadiente	09283025212
SAN PEDRO (Laguna) -	Max's Resto, Pacita Complex	SAT	M	-	M	-	Jojo Lindaya	09272184854
STA ROSA	Max's Resto, Balibago Complex	SUN	M	J	M	M	Tony Eugenio	09077659637
STA ROSA WEST	Cabalen Restaurant (*Kapihan)	SAT	J	M	J	K (*)	Mon Puno	09175339351
STA CRUZ	Chowking	SAT	J	J	J*	J	Vic Apale	09209181515
TAGAYTAY	Taalena Restaurant	SAT	M	J	M	J	Bay Valles	09189499297
TANAUAN	Hacienda Darasa	SAT	M	J	M	J	Vic Mercado	09156406551
LEGAZPI	Quick & Hearty	SAT	-	J	-	S	Ric Quiambao	09182430637
NAGA	Champagne Garden	SAT	S		J		Tom Cecilio	09175583041
SORSOGON	Jollibee Sorsogon	SAT	M	-	J*	-	Roger Jamora	09194803147
SAN JOSE MINDORO	Sikatuna Beach Hotel	SAT	J	-	M	-	Bong Espiritu	09285206180
TAAL-LEMERY	Wellzone, Lemery	SAT	-	M	-	J	Art Mercado	09297889254
VISAYAS								
BALAMBAN	Dyan's Place	SUN	J	-	J	M	Dante Erasan	09189216756
TOLEDO Cebu	Cebeco III Compound	SUN	J				Dante Erasan	09189216756
BOGO Cebu	North Homes, Bogo	SAT	J	-	M		Roger Tonacao	09176256977
CEBU NORTH	City Sports Club, Ayala	SAT	J	M	S	M	Jojo Cinco	09189378476
CEBU SOUTH	Sacred Heart Ctr., D. Jakosalem	SAT	J	M	S	M	Julius Toledo	9208588153
CEBU CENTRAL	Casino Espanol de Cebu	SAT	M	S	M	J	Jun Jabatan	09178310768
CONSOLACION	Oyster Bay, Bridges Town Ctr	SAT	-	J	M	J	Paskie Tabuao	09228859539
MACTAN	Crown Regency Suites	SAT	M	J	M	S	Jun Pardico	09173213486
MANDAUE	Montebello Villa Hotel, Banilad	SAT	M	J	M	S	Mar Sequino	09263125821
TALISAY Cebu	Chowking Gaisano Tabunok	SUN	M	J	-	S	Lino Canete	09173273780
BAIS	PPC	SAT	-	M	-	J	Eden Garcia	09276839648
DUMAGUETE NORTH	Bethel G. House; (Plaza MaLuisa *)	SAT	J	M*	S	-	Henry Tan	09179670184
DUMAGUETE SOUTH	Plaza Ma. Luisa	SAT	S	M	J	-	Cesar Concepcion	09069376786
SIQUIJOR	Webs Legacy Inn	SAT	J	-	J	-	Tata Quilicot	09169638026
SAN CARLOS	Carmel's	SAT	-	M	-	J	Joy Tambis	09383371584
TAGBILARAN NORTH	JJ Seafood	SAT	-	J	M	M	Romy Ruiz	09175468581
TAGBILARAN SOUTH	JJ Seafood	SAT	-	J	M (S*)	S	Dodong Gasatan	09209281471
TALIBON	Talibon Pension House	SUN	-	J		J	Cleto Garcia	09208016808
TUBIGON	Monina's Inn	SUN	-	J	-	M	Elmer Genita	09322717310
NAVAL, BILIRAN	Marina's Seaside Inn	SUN	-	J	-	M	Juan Pastor	09153647226
BORONGAN	JRC Bldg, Brgy Songco	SAT	-	J	-	J	Sonny Uy	09177222803
CALBAYOG	I's Plant Hotel	SUN	J		M	-	Larry Rubio	09176155945
CATBALOGAN	Taby's Place	SAT	J	-	M	-	Egan Gabon	09209241699



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CATARMAN	Pink City, Catarman	SUN	-	J	-	J	Jess Laodenio	09168763219	
TACLOBAN	Sitti Grille Resto	SAT	L	M	M	J	Joseph Escalona	09152153587	
BAYBAY	Captain Grills	SUN	-	J	-	S	James Bandalan		
MAASIN	Supercha Restaurant	SUN	J	-	S	-	Joel Cabardo		
ORMOC	Pongos Hotel	SAT	-	M	J	M	Tex Peñalosa	09189919551	
SOGOD	KC Clubhouse	SAT	J	-	J	-	Boy Lora		
HILONGOS	Marcelino's Place	SAT	J	-	J	-	Ronald Yan		
PALOMPON	PACCI	SAT	J	-	M	-	Reny Frias	09286979641	
BACOLOD NORTH	Quan LS* / Bar 21**/Jollibee& Quan***	SAT	M*	J**	S***	J**	Fred Dofeliz	09179155411	
BACOLOD SOUTH	Time-Out Resto*/ 21st Resto**/ Jollibee LS***	SAT	M*	S***	M*	J**	Ernie Pestano		
SILAY	BCBP Center, Santan , Rizal St	SAT		M	J	M	Leonel Horviddalla	09104038331	
ILOILO	Amigo Terraces Hotel	SAT	J	M	S	M	Rex Debuque	09209474100	
MOLO	Hotel del Rio, GLuna , Iloilo City	SAT	J	M	S	M	Baby Soriano	09209050533	
KALIBO	Nazareth Home	SAT	J	M	S	M	Monchie Rebesencio	09176224862	
BORACAY	Tropical Guest House Stn 3	SAT	J	J	J	J	Diony Ruance	09196886656	
ROXAS	Pizza Junction, Rizal St.	SAT	J	M	S	M	Dante Corros	09189431408	
MINDANAO									
BUTUAN	Luciana Convention Ctr * Priscilla Guest House**	SAT	M*	J*	M**	J*	Ricky Tabasa	09103160342	
CDO EAST	Sentro 1850	SAT	M	M	J	S	Paul Yacapin	09175451900	
CDO WEST	VIP Hotel	SAT	M	S	J	M	Rhady Escarra	09202032610	
DAVAO EAST	Royal Mandaya Hotel	SAT	M	J	M	S	Hansel Magno	09209522409	
DAVAO WEST	Marco Polo Hotel	SAT	J	S	M	J	Jojo Abrera	09228264268	
DIGOS	CAP Building	SAT	-	J	-	J	Macy Directo	09052805519	
GEN. SANTOS	East Asia Royale Hotel	SAT	J	-	J	-	Danny Hamoy	09177154289	
KORONADAL	Princessita Pensionne	SAT	-	J	-	J	Dodoy Maulit	09177150670	
SURIGAO	Gateway Hotel	SAT	J	-	J	-	Jun Bayana	09208344407	
TAGUM	Miko's Brew, Apokon Road	SAT	-	J	M	J	Boy Galagala	09155018741	
PANABO	Maria Clara Resto	SAT	J		J		Arman Yambao	09189793412	
MALAYBALAY	Haus Malibu	SAT	J	-	J	-	Rod Llacer	09173222031	
VALENCIA	Jollibee Valencia	SAT	*J	M	-	J	Nick Baliguig	09176281957	
DIPOLOG	Top Plaza Hotel	SAT	-	J	M	S	Maiko Wong	09228255784	
ILIGAN	Ma. Cristina Hotel	SAT	-	M	M	J	Boy San Luis	09183127217	
KAPATAGAN	Arcinas Resto	SAT	J	-	J	-	Fernie Legaria		
OROQUIETA	Kamayan sa Oro	SAT	J	-	J	-	Marchito Gonzales	09192205515	
PAGADIAN	Pinchik Restaurant* Jollibee **	SAT	-	J*	M**	J*	Joe de Pedro	09178194168	
ZAMBOANGA	Astoria Hotel	SAT	J	-	M	-	Lino Genel	09274237846	
IPIL	Sibugay Hotel	SAT	-	J	-	J	Tata Briones	09088721377	
ABROAD / CALIFORNIA USA									
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	Maynila Resto*/ Maxs**/Denny's*** / Hapag +	M*L+	J**	J*	J**		Nelson Ynion	310-3579973	
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	Max's, Vallejo* / Fresh Pizza, Channel St, SL**	Sat	J*	-	J**	-	Art Romanos	916-3962008	



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Bringing Christ into the marketplace
and winning the marketplace for Christ.

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responsible care for all entrusted to us.

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Love for COMMUNITY.
Love for COUNTRY.
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