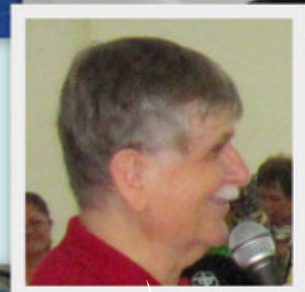


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THE SYMBOL OF THE BCBP

The logo of the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals captures the very essence of the organization.

The Cross in the middle of the logo symbolizes Christ, who is the heart of the Brotherhood. Christian tenets and values are central endeavors of the organization.

The arms of the Cross - indeed, Christ's outstretched arms - welcome all who come under His salvation and love. It symbolizes, too, the mission of the group to increase its members by evangelization.

The twin figures on the logo's foreground are two active groups of the Brotherhood - businessmen and professionals. They are bent in adoration, typifying the brothers' acceptance of Christ as Master and Redeemer.

Finally, enveloping all the elements of the logo is a circle. It represents the unity of the Brotherhood - one in purpose, one in spirit, one in Christ.





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EDITORIAL

CONTENTMENT DESPITE CONFUSING CONTRADICTIONS

by Nancy Catan, BCBP Editor

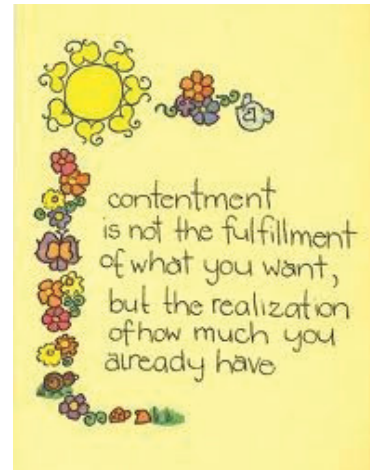
Life has many confusing contradictions. We want to give our children more than the little that we had. We scrimp and save to send them to better schools, then wonder why they do not appreciate our 'sacrifices'. It is what we owe them, they say. We let them stay at home while in their first job, so they can save money toward their own home, then wonder when they ask for even more money because they feel they need a better wardrobe to impress their bosses. What has happened to gratitude? Why does it seem that people are less satisfied with what they have, are less contented today than when I was young?

Growing up on a small farm in rural and mountainous Vermont, USA, we lived a simple life. We never had much, but we never lacked for what we really needed. When I graduated from high school, my dad, with tears in his eyes, took me aside to explain that he could only give me \$300.00 for my college education, it was the only money he could spare. So I worked my way through a 2-year college that cost me about \$2,200/year. How did I do it? I begged for a personal loan from my aunt, I worked a minimum of 20 hours a week in the college library, I babysat for faculty members, I ran errands, I worked full time during summer break.


Did I begrudge giving up my spare time and weekend pleasures for work? No, because I knew even then that it was up to me, and no one else, to make the best out of my life that I could. This was a gift that my parents had given me — the desire to be the best I could be whatever the circumstances were. I should not blame others for my difficulties and inadequacies, nor should I get angry or bitter when things did not happen the way I thought they should. And, I should try to match my desires with my needs. Then, my parents said, I would find contentment. I learned how to be content. The definition of contentment that I constructed is this: "Contentment is making grateful, faithful, fruitful and joyful use of what you have, little or much." In this statement I can clearly see the

footprints of my parents as they journeyed through their lives, showing me the way.

When I am confronted with one of life's many confusing contradictions, I pause for a moment and try to look at the situation in terms of "contentment". I ask myself:



What is there in this situation that I can be grateful for? In working through this contradiction, how can I live out my faith in God's goodness? How can I bear good fruit despite the confusion around me? Will my decisions in this situation give me a joyful heart? Where is God's loving hand in this situation?

Contentment is a gift wrapped in beautiful cloth that is woven with multi-colored strands of gratefulness for whatever and however much or little you have, faithfulness to God and self, the fruitfulness of creative, honest work, and the joy of sharing with others and knowing that you did your best. I know now that a contented life is an abundant life wherein we have everything we need, and if we persevere in doing good excellently and sharing whatever we have with those in need, that even what we desire will eventually come our way. 



Random Insights

by Bobby Atendido, BOT Chairman

DEATH AND SPIRITUALITY: WHAT MATTERS IN YOUR LIFE

A few weeks ago we lost our mother. She lived a long life of exactly 100 years and 91 days. Her life was full. She left us with very good and happy memories and all of us in the family are grateful for all her love and sacrifices. Truth be told, there was no real sadness among us because whatever our grief was, it was overshadowed by the thought that she was now finally at rest with our heavenly Father. We stand on and believe the assurance of Jesus Christ that His kingdom will come not just here on earth but in heaven for those who love God and live their lives in a way that is a concrete response to the love of God. Yes she loved much not just her family but even beyond the boundaries of the family as other

people whose lives she has touched attested during the wake. She did not leave us much, but she gave us a lot of loving memories.

But what does the death of a mother have to do with "Spirituality"?

Death has everything to do with spirituality I believe. In the book titled "The Essentials of Spirituality" written by

Felix Adler, the author wrote that spirituality is about

keeping in mind the end times. A spiritually-minded person keeps in view the supreme end of life, and as a consequence chooses the path that will bring him closer to the attainment of this end. He avoids the pitfalls in life that would bring him farther from the end goal. He always thinks of the ultimate end. He asks himself constantly when making decisions "Will it advance me or divert me from the ultimate goal?"



For a Christian, the purpose of life is to spend eternity with Jesus Christ. That is the supreme goal. The end of life is union with our heavenly Father. A spiritually mature Christian person therefore keeps this in mind in thought, words and action. He is one who pursues integrity in life, consistency in behavior, and an exemplary way of life because he knows that someday his life which is so short in the context of eternity will end and his only desire is to be with Jesus Christ for all eternity.

"What do I have to do to gain the kingdom of God" a young man asked Jesus. In response, Jesus told him to love God completely and to love his neighbor. And he confidently replied "I have done all that. What more should I do?" Very well, Jesus then told him to sell everything he possessed and give the proceeds to the

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poor. At this, he walked away sadly. The young man was not prepared to make the choice of following Jesus. He was still too attached to his possessions.

Spirituality demands detachment from the things that will distract us from reaching the final goal. St. Ignatius called this as indifference, a holy detachment to everything. Be it health or sickness, wealth or poverty, convenience or discomfort, victory or loss, what will matter is following the holy will of God. It is in doing so that a Christian will reach his destination. All else are not important.

Death enables a person to have a sharper focus on the essentials. To live as if the hour is to be the last becomes a paradigm of life. To face and accept death becomes the bedrock of one's spirituality. It can ennoble a person to become a morally high-bred man. To be aware that this life will end sharpens the mind and heart to sift through what is true from what is false in life, what is important and worthwhile from what is meaningless and trivial. The awareness of dying makes possible a meaningful life. That is why when the time comes, death becomes a happy event for a Christian.

I would like to share a beautiful article (the author of which I cannot recall) that so aptly describes what life that matters consists of and I quote:


"Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end. There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days. All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else. Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance. Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear. So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-

do lists will expire. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from, or on what side of the tracks you lived, at the end. It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant. Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant. So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got, but what you gave. What will matter is not your success, but your significance. What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught. What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example. What will matter is not your competence, but your character. What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone. What will matter is not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you. What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice."

Spirituality as a way of life is a choice. To be aware of the end times enables a person to choose to live a life that matters, a life spent in loving God and neighbor, all for the glory of God. Death and spirituality are two sides of the same coin, viewed at different angles. 





2012-2014 BCBP NATIONAL OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

During the August 5 meeting of the recently elected members of the 2012-2014 Board of Trustees, under the direction and spiritual guidance of Fr. Herb Schneider, the group selected Eduardo "Bong" Pelaez to be BCBP's next Chairman of the Board of Trustees, taking over the helm in January 2012 from Bobby Atendido. Lino Manuel Jimenez, "Manny", was chosen as President-Elect of the BCBP at the same meeting; he will assume the position January 2012 succeeding Larry Veloso. Both Bobby and Larry are successfully completing their 3-year terms in December of this year 2011.

Bro Bong Pelaez (left), an active member of BCBP Cagayan de Oro West, joined the BCBP in 1991. During his 20 years in the community, he has served as Chapter Head of BCBP CDO from 2000-2002, as member of the Board of Trustee (2003-2005), and is presently the Regional Council Director for Northern Mindanao (2009-2011).

Bro Manny Jimenez (right), BCBP's President-Elect, joined the Brotherhood's Alabang Chapter in 1988. Presently he serves as the Area Managing Director for Southern Luzon and member of the Board of Trustees. Past services include serving as Regional Council Director for South Metro Manila, Chapter Head of Alabang Chapter, and as National Treasurer.

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HONESTY IN BUSINESS

ACCORDING TO BCBP

By Leonardo Y. Medroso, JCD, DD



August 27, 2011, marked the 19th anniversary of the founding of the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals (BCBP) in Tagbilaran. It was a day to celebrate, to relish and to reflect on how Christ and the gospel values have made a difference in the lives of many of our business men and professionals. I was very much honored to be invited into the occasion for it gave me

the opportunity to keep in touch with persons of deep and variegated influences in society and to see how Christ and the Bible message of honesty and integrity through nineteen years of journey by the group have shaped their lives in the privacy of their consciences, their homes, and in their chosen works and profession, dealing with other persons in the marketplace and offices.

I had wanted to hear testimonies of how the “law of the marketplace” has given way to the priorities of God’s Kingdom in doing business. The message of Christ who once said: “Seek first his kingship over you, his way of holiness, and all these things will be given you besides” (Mt 6:33), has this made some positive changes among members of the BCBP, shaping them into Christians, gentlemen of character, who do not park their precious faith in the Church on Sunday but live it through thick and thin seven days a week?

It is not easy to bring Christ and his message to one’s daily professional and business ventures. A person of integrity, just, honest, and God-fearing in secular dealings is not necessarily assured of monetary profits nor of promotion in the office. In the world of reality the smart guy unscrupulous in financial dealings often gets the substantial profit. The shrewder one is in business enterprise the more profit he makes. Jesus himself had seen this irony in life when he once made this comment: “Because the worldly take more initiative than the other worldly when it comes to dealing with their own kind” (Mt 16:8).

To make profit is not bad. It sure is part of business. But essential as it is in business, it is not the only factor that determines the cost of the items for transaction. One has to consider the real value of the sales, their quality, their cost of production, reasonable mark-up, and other added values. Herein comes into play the inner character of the businessmen, their honesty, their fair play that may not assure them of a captured market. But these human if not Christian qualities do instill the trust in the heart of the buying public.


Morality does pay off in the long haul, not only in terms of pleasing God, of doing business with conscience. These activities create inner peace of mind, business stability, and consistency. Contemporary books on leadership such as Warren Bennis’ *On Becoming a Leader*, John Maxwell’s *Developing the Leader Within You*, and Stephen Covey’s *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, are one in underlining the importance of the person’s character in financial enterprise, that those business leaders who highly respect their customers, deal fairly with employees, stockholders and partners, will outlive other business undertakings, will remain stable, and will be reasonably profitable in the long run. In time they surely will get back not only their investment but a reasonable profit, not counting the high respect that they earned from the community. In a real sense, good ethics is good business. It pays to “Be honest, even if others are not, even if others will not; even if others cannot.”

Of course, the nineteen years of existence of the BCBP (in Tagbilaran) have not been that smooth. The road less traveled is always a lonely and rugged path to traverse. To be ethical and moral in business transactions and in dealings in the profession is wrought with tensions – one has to contend with the wiles of the world, the temptation of quick return on investments, the pressure of society that has become materialistic and secular in its view of life. Even among the members of BCBP has filtered a morality that has been watered down by some schools of thought, such as the schools of consequentialism, situation ethics, and proportionalism. *continued on page 9*





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The doctrine proposed by these schools are very alluring indeed. They contend that all human acts are good or indifferent, that their morality depends upon the intention of the agent and the proportionate consequences of the affected acts. The Church looks askance at this doctrine. It leads to moral relativism, a teaching that denies moral absolutes, that is, those acts that are always right or wrong, acts that are prohibited because they are always evil. But, the members of the BCBP go on as faithful followers of the Church. For deep down in their souls are solidly embedded the Christian values and the ideals of the Christian Brotherhood. The nineteen years of stay in the BCBP with all their personal and shared experiences have convinced them that Christ is still relevant today in the marketplace; that honesty is the best policy; that ethics is good business. 



BCBP LEADERS TRAINING INSTITUTE LAUNCHED

The BCBP Leaders Training Institute was launched during the BCBP's annual National Leaders Retreat with its first training course focusing on Christian Morality: the 10 Commandments. Instead of the usual annual retreat for the more than 200 BCBP leaders who gathered on Thursday, September 29, at the Carmelites Center in Tagaytay, the long weekend was the first in a series of intensive leaders' training courses for BCBP leaders.

Fr. Herb Schneider, BCBP's Spiritual Director, conducted the course consisting of eleven talks on the 10 Commandments, ending with celebration of the Eucharist late Sunday morning, October 2. He focused his discussion of the two Tables of the Decalogue in


three main areas: Scripture, Basic Truth, and the Pastoral Approach. He emphasized that it is not enough to take the commandments literally or legalistically, but we need to understand that the commandments outline the areas of Christian morality that should govern our lives and provide a framework for us to do good whenever and however we can.

Each commandment was presented by highlighting its significance through O.T. and N.T. scripture passages, its meaning that encompassed both its positive and its negative aspects, and how the commandment should impact our inner disposition. Once this basis was laid down, Fr. Herb instructed the group on how to handle



practical pastoral concerns arising from the commandment, with particular emphasis on daily life application and BCBP community concerns.

All BCBP leaders, Regional Council Directors and Chapter Heads are now expected to echo the teachings to all BCBP members in their respective regions and chapters. Jun Latay, one of the National Leaders Training participants, echoed the sentiments of the group: "Thank you, Fr. Herb, for a very enlightening NLT on the 10 Commandments! The challenge is clear – A Disciplined BCBP Chapter composed of members whose lives are shaped by the Commandments!"

The participants not only concentrated on the inspired teachings of Fr. Herb. Saturday evening was highlighted by a community Lord's Day ceremony and festive meal. Afterwards, the evening was capped by a rousing fellowship facilitated by BCBP Calamba CH Bunny and Dette Joven and their RCD Joff Almorro that saw all participants dancing to the lively rhythm of "Waku, waku" (yes, even those who had never danced a step in their lives!). Great fun was had by all!!! 



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GOD KEEPS ME BUSY!

A Personal Testimony of Bro Mario "Mayong" Rodriguez,
BCBP Ormoc

I will open with this verse from the Book of Mark where Jesus asked Peter "Who do you say I am?" As I look back into my life I now realize that indeed God has been asking me who He really is in my life and all throughout I have always put the question aside while I got on with my life. Well, until 16 years ago when He sent the BCBP to Ormoc...

God brought me into this world as the 3rd of 10 children of a lawyer and a farmer businesswoman who were both good Catholics. Attendance at Sunday mass together as a family was a must and so was the Rosary after dinner. Our family is closely knit, and so Sunday was always family day at the beach. Today this practice continues specially because all 4 of us brothers who decided to make Ormoc our home together with our mom are all members of BCBP Ormoc.

High school gave me my first taste of freedom from home and I made the most of it – fun with the boys, drinking beer by the case. College was a time of limbo as I didn't know what to do with my life. I moved on to the College of Medicine and married Janet, started a snack business, and worked in a hospital. God took a back seat in my life.

At this time of my life I thought I had it made. Blessed with a growing family, a job in the hospital that I loved and a business that was starting to give us financial rewards, life seem good. But I was also a very angry man so that what would seem to be very trivial matters to others would elicit in me a reaction that was simply out of proportion. I was always sweating the small stuff. I loved pushing my weight around.

Then in October 1995, BCBP brought the Breakfast fellowship to Ormoc. But Saturday was my tennis time. After some arguments Janet had to go alone. I did take time and took stock of my life. I had a good life. I knew that I didn't really thank God for all the blessings but I thought my wife could do it for me. Also I considered myself a good catholic. I never intentionally hurt anybody and I was a regular church go'er. However the breakfast affected Janet so much that there was no way she would let me miss the second one 2 weeks later.

Since I was adamant in not going, Janet turned to the most influential person in my life – my Mom as I lost my dad quite early in life – and so with the 2 of them ganging up on me I went though very sure that I will attend only one breakfast and that's it. One breakfast. . . but 16 years down the road I am still here attending breakfast and now even sharing my life as well. It has indeed changed my life forever . . .Why? Because God

knocked on my door a little harder that morning. In the Book of JOHN He says, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you."

**"It was not you
who chose me, but
I who chose you."**

As I started to live my Brotherhood Commitment card and do our first 2 basic commitments – daily prayer and Scripture time, I slowly came

to the realization that indeed God wants a personal relationship with each one of us. HE then started guiding me to areas in my life that needed to be addressed, that needed to be changed and so HE started pruning me.

First was my pride. As I started reading the scriptures I was led to the Book of Sirach: "How can there be such pride in someone who is nothing but dust and



ashes?" That hit me real hard. I came to realize that my unreasonable temper was just an offshoot of my pride. I was actually throwing my weight around knowing fully well that with my size and my status in the community, I could intimidate people. Now my patience has grown and I would sometimes astonish even myself when I do not blow my top anymore in situations where before would elicit a major eruption of my temper. By God's grace my self-control has now vastly improved and I could now regain my senses easily.

The second area where God guided me to a shift in my paradigm is in business. As we all very well know, we are just stewards of the businesses that God gave us. He gave businesses to us as another venue to help others. In our snack business I started with my brothers, we have begun to adjust our pay scales but more importantly have decided to put into place other benefits as health and retirement. We share with them and their families a yearly Lenten reflection and yes, a yearly family day just like in the brotherhood. We now regularly consult God on how to manage our business.

God then allowed me to further grow in this area. I am also in sugar farming and sugar being a seasonal crop, I have always been bothered by the situation of having no work for our people in the off-season. I struggle to keep a dozen key men on the payroll but I know I cannot keep everybody. One day I brought this up in prayer and God answered right away. Another sugar farmer shared in the newspaper how he shares with his workers a % of his gross sales for the year as aid to the workers in the off-season. Mental calculations told me it was quite big but I decided to take up the challenge. I only asked the Lord to help provide the funds. I did it for the first time last 2002. And yes, the Lord also showed me that he can never be outdone in generosity. He increased my production that year and matched it with a good price, too, thus I even ended up making a little more for myself. I have since then been doing it every year, even during a particularly bad year when the business ended with a loss.

Then one day while doing my prayer time I was challenged in a reflection to get out of my comfort zone and do several things – accept community service, travel, adopt a child, and run for public office. At that

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Activating your action group

QUESTIONS THAT LEAD TO CHANGE



As we meet in our Action Groups for the study of God's Word, we need to ensure that our discussions, regardless of method used, progress beyond the vague, abstract, or academic. Discussions and sharings should explore the implications that the biblical passages have for everyday living.

Here are some questions that encourage changed lives. Use one or more of them for a deeper understanding and application of your favorite bible passages.

1. What issues does this passage raise that are still issues today?
2. How do these verses challenge our contemporary values or lifestyle?
3. How would you compare the teaching in these verses with the way you

are now living?

4. What changes do you believe you need to make in response to this passage? How will you begin to tackle these changes?
5. How do these verses challenge the way you've been viewing God? Yourself? The unsaved? Fellow believers?
6. What do you believe God wants you to do this week as a result of this study?
7. What insights do these verses give you about your relationships with your self, with your spouse and family, with your AG members, with God?
8. How did you feel when you read this passage: happy, sad, anxious, disturbed, peaceful ... ? Why? What do your emotional reactions to this passage tell you about yourself?



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experience specially since we usually try to do it as a family. I had just committed to be a member of the then BCBP and so accepting a community service was a possibility, though my sights were limited to my BCBP chapter. Adopting a child and running for public office were nowhere in my sight. Those were my plans, but God had other plans for me.

Slowly, God revealed His plans for my life and I could only say, "Yes!" because He prepares me, He opens my mind, He softens my heart to accept His plans with the assurance that He is in control. . After a year of service in the community I felt I was already too deep into it and was planning to lie low in service. I was a medical doctor with a private practice, also managing a private hospital, and I had just begun farming.

And so what does God do? He gave me more responsibility as Outreach Head and I heard God clearly in my heart, "You do not serve Me because you are ready, I make you ready." Soon my service in the brotherhood became more fulfilling but I never considered community service beyond my chapter. God had other plans so that today I serve way beyond our BCBP chapter at the national level.

More importantly my service in the brotherhood opened my heart to service in the greater realm of God's kingdom. For the past 12 years I have been actively involved in service with the parish council / more recently as chair of the PFC. I am also actively involved in 3 foundations, all based in Ormoc, of which I am a founding member, all involved with education, both formal and informal, all targeting the underprivileged sectors of our society.

Then 9 years ago while serving then as CH of BCBP Ormoc, we had a surprise call from a friend, an Italian Franciscan nun running an orphanage in Borongan, Samar, asking us to adopt a newly born baby girl whose 15 year old mother was simply not ready for motherhood. She just wanted to get rid of the baby and move on in life. We had visited the orphanage a few times but adopting a child was never a part of our plans in life so I told Janet that we will sleep over it first.

Well, the next morning while during my scripture time the reading was from the Gospel of Mark where Jesus

asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" "Who is He really in my life? . . . In my heart I just knew that the baby was Jesus wanting to get into our lives. So I told Janet to go to Samar — 12 hours later she came back with our new baby – the shortest pregnancy in history! Our daughter is now 9 years old and she proudly tells everybody that she was born not out of Janet's womb but from Janet's heart. She is simply a bundle of joy to all of us.

I have now taken on the last challenge of that reflection a few years ago, running for public office, something I would never have considered but God has His ways and I just know that this was part of His plans for me.

Sometime mid-2008 I was at a crossroads in my life. It was also at this time that the CBCP (Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines) came out with their pastoral message addressed to active members of the church, urging us to get involved, to go beyond poll watching, encouraging us to run for public office based on principled politics. The "call" hit a nerve.

I committed to run for the city council although there was no peace in my heart. I knew that the political arena was an entirely new world for me. The presence of similarly minded people in the group who just wanted change—hopefully for the betterment of our city—somewhat calmed down my apprehensions. Eight of us, 5 of whom were BCBP brothers, put up a ticket knowing we had a long shot at best. We didn't even have a party and we were up against a political dynasty that had been there forever.

To all of us then, it was not just about winning; it was more about making a stand, getting out of our comfort zones, getting out of our indifference, to stop just grumbling about it, — to stop closing our eyes and turning away pretending things were all right when we know they definitely were not. We decided to light our one little candle rather than just continue to curse the darkness.

We were up against household names in a political contest that was based on political largesse and patronage but we were bent on doing it right, to practice a new kind of politics. . . to campaign hard, to focus on issues and pure motives of service and not



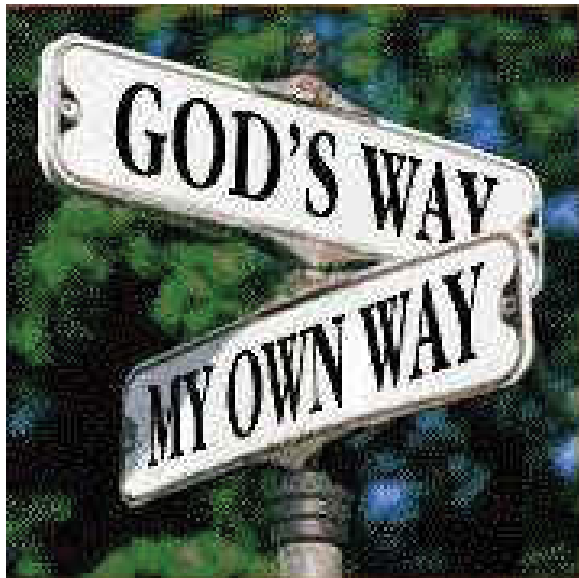
to rely on distributing political largesse – (yes, we did house to house campaigning and I lost a good 18 lbs during the campaign – mayo pato cige nalang ug campanya). We experienced the dark side of politics but we stood our ground because we all believed that we have a God of the impossible.

Well, God’s ways are indeed not our ways. He allowed me to win but I was the lone winner from our group. Guess our people were not ready for our kind of politics. It was hard to accept and when I finally started my government service I was totally lost.

Then God allowed me to meet some BCBP bros who had had some experience in government. They cautioned me ‘not to aim too high’, that I can only do so much. Democracy is a game of numbers and no matter what I do, I have only 1 vote. They made me realize that my foremost responsibility was to be a good and responsible fiscalizer. These realizations helped me focus on what I could realistically do and should be doing in my government service. The more important thing was to try to do the right thing at all times. It was a tall order indeed for me. I will always need all your prayers.

It’s been almost a year since I started my government service and I know that I have given my best. Some of our constituents can be very demanding because that is the political culture that they have been used to, but I just have to try to stand firm.


So today I live a busy and very challenging life. My government service takes most of my weekdays while the BACP takes many of my weekends. In between I juggle my time for my other commitments – to the parish, to the 3 foundations, to my wife and family who are very important to me, to my medical practice (though now it is mostly ‘gratis’) and of course to myself as I try to keep my mornings open for tennis – I love the game, I enjoy the company and most importantly I need the exercise. . . .



God has seen to it that I will have the time and focus to do all these. Our fastfood business is now more professionally run thus requiring less and less of our personal attention. My son Ting has taken over the farm and is doing quite well. He has not only made it more productive but more importantly it has helped him grow more mature and made him more responsible. My 2 daughters in the US have immersed into the American way of life quite well – my prayers for them are that they will be able to have time for God amidst the demands of the western way of life – but I feel that God prepared them for this since they both were actively involved with a singles faith community, Lingkod, while they were here . . . and yes, today, I now sleep with a grandma. We have a 1 yr old grandchild and a second one is on the way.

Our God is never done with us while we are on this earth. My relationship with my God is still a struggle and I know now that the struggle will continue throughout this life. I still fall very often. There are times when my prayer and scripture time are just a blur with no real meaning but I struggle on. God has made me realize through the brotherhood that a Christian life is not just a circle where one ends up in the same point where he started. A Christian life should be a spiral where every year one goes up to a higher level

of relationship with His creator, a continuous process of conversion. I believe that since joining the BCBP16 years ago I have grown to a higher level in my personal relationship with my God. I am now more attuned to His whispers.

Now I know for sure that my God will always be there with me and for me no matter what happens. But whatever comes my way I will accept because I know He intends to use all these life experiences, both good and bad, to strengthen me in this journey and make me grow in Him. 



RELUCTANCE, FEAR, WEAKNESS: I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME!

The Personal Testimony of Bro Vit Lacaba, BCBP Calbayog

My testimony is inspired by the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 3:8-9, "For the sake of the more valuable knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord, I have thrown everything away so that I may gain Christ", and Philippians 4:13, "You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you".

When Jesus commanded his chosen twelve ordinary men to make disciples of all nations, it seemed an utter impossibility. But God made it all possible because the twelve chose to follow him. You see, when God gives us a task, the only thing that makes it difficult to do is our doubt and disobedience. But with complete trust He can lead us to do things that seem unattainable through the strength that He provides us. God chooses common people with the willingness to be used by him.

I belong to an ordinary yet close-knit Samareno family. My father, the late Basilio Songco Lacaba, who was an educator, farmer, carpenter and a very rigid disciplinarian, together with my mother Mamerta Negrido Anaviso, an enterprising, industrious woman, brought into this world two boys and three girls, with me being the eldest of the siblings. Ours was an average Christian family doing what other families usually do – attending Sunday masses and other religious celebrations. Our celebrations, however, were unique in certain ways in that we participated in two different religious denominations. You see, my late father was a Roman Catholic while my mother, at that time, was a devoted Aglipayan.

Being the eldest, I experienced the full brunt of my father's rigid discipline. He was a perfectionist. Any mistake in carrying out assigned task or any misdemeanor would earn me harsh punishment. But the rigidity of my father was cushioned by the affectionateness and tender care of my mother, developing in me a firmness in decision-making matched with understanding and compassion.

I was reluctant and timid when I was first invited to a meeting of the core group of Calbayog outreach. Being just a nominal Christian, I meekly declined thinking I might not fit in with

the group. I also entertained thoughts like, "This would just be like other organizations. They're only good at the start but would slowly fizzle out". My first breakfast (together with my wife Ligaya) was followed three months later when we happened to be in the same boat with the Cebu Mission Team on their way to Calbayog City. They goaded me to participate in the Brotherhood Christian Life Program No. 1 in Calbayog.

I was touched by the Mission Team's sincerity and warmth in dealing with us and reflected: "Who are these people? What is driving them such that they are willing to sacrifice themselves and their families, leaving the luxury and safety of their homes just so they could meet other people and establish a community of God?" Slowly, I was convicted. The Holy Spirit led me to understand them and what they were doing. We completed our BCLP, became members of the community, and soon after many things happened. I became conscious that God was with me. I realized that I should emulate the selflessness of these Cebu people, and that I should not waste the work of God being done in me through them.

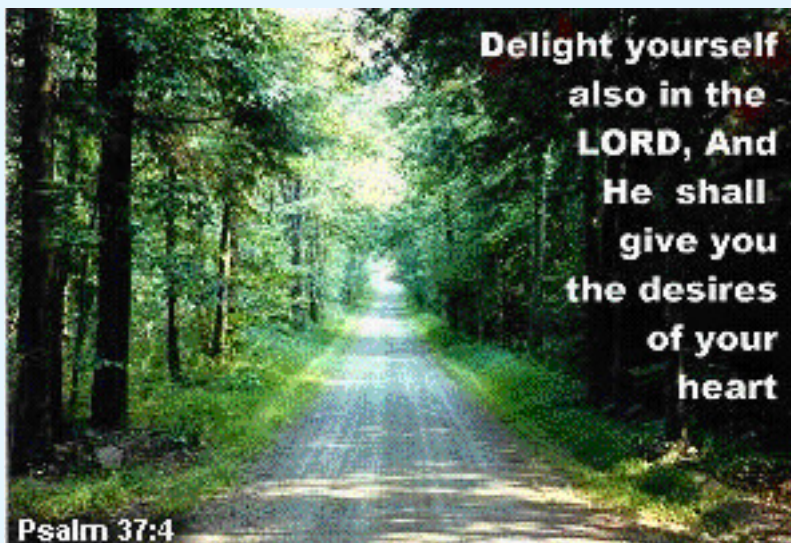
At the beginning of our BCBP life I just wanted to be an ordinary member. But I did not end up as one. I was called to lead the newly organized outreach. From a reluctant breakfaster to a hesitant Outreach Head? Again my weakness manifested itself. I asked myself, "Why me? There are those who were more capable than me?" Fear was my initial feeling and reaction when I was chosen to lead the outreach. Iba kasi ang challenge that came with the responsibility. In this organization one cannot just impose anything the way I could impose things in my office. I was then DILG (Dept of Local Government) City Director and I had people under me not to mention the local government officials who have to



follow my directives, and non-observance of the same may merit sanctions when necessary.

Running an organization composed of people with different personalities, background, etc, such as the BCBP would not be easy. However, the confidence given me by the elders from the national office and our mentors from our mother chapter encouraged me to accept the gargantuan task. I tried to shake off my doubts and my fears. After all, this was a God-given opportunity that rarely comes to someone like me. I was strengthened by His promise "to be with us every step of the way".

My main credentials when I accepted the headship of the outreach were my new found faith in the Lord, and my availability and willingness to serve him. Psalm 37:3-4 says "Trust in the Lord and do good... Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart."



Leadership in the community was not an easy task. I was in my third year as outreach head when the unit was recommended as Chapter-in-Training by the regional council and approved by the national office. I tried doing my best so I could bring the outreach into chapterhood. Expectations ran high. But to my dismay and disappointment, we remained as an outreach for two more years. I felt I was not doing my job, that I was the cause of the sluggish progress of the outreach or much worse, its stagnancy.

I articulated my problems to the elders in the regional council and to our mentors in Cebu. I said it was a very difficult task and I want to be relieved of the responsibility. "Who told you that it would be easy?" I was answered. "Is this your way of saying you don't want to serve the Lord anymore?" another said. "And you no longer believe in his promise that he will be with you every step of the way?" a fellow elder asked me. And finally came the burning question, "Have you been praying enough? How is your prayer time?"

Then it dawned on me, I was not praying well enough and neither was the community. And even when I prayed, they were PRAYERS that were not sincere ENOUGH and just done

in haste. I also realized, I was believing more in myself and less in my God. In my enthusiasm to achieve the goal, I had left behind the power that I should have been depending upon. I was feeling more confident in myself and not trusting enough in my God.

So I enhanced my personal prayer efforts and we intensified our community prayers. We strengthened our Intercessory

ministry to four times a month. And in our prayers, we sought for God's guidance, offering all our plans most especially those concerning our Chapterhood. I also enhanced and deepened my scriptural readings hoping to find answers to my quandary. Proverbs 16:3 gave me a clue. "Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed." I realized I was doing things according to my capabilities and

not dependent anymore upon Him who called me. An unexpected gift from a friend stunned me. It was a quotation printed on a small board saying, "A man is not finished when he is defeated. He is finished when he quits."

My bible readings led me to the Gospel of Matthew 10:38, "Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." I realized that the problems I was encountering were all little crosses which I must bear to be able to be worthy of Him. In the BCBP I learned that there is nothing impossible if you do things the way the Lord wants it to be done and not the way you want it to be done.

I opened and surrendered myself to the Lord, permitting his guidance and his will to envelop me. Led by the Holy Spirit, assisted by the active participation of the community, our outreach eventually became a chapter.

But along the way the Lord permitted another test to strengthen my leadership ability and build my character. Some false accusations were hurled at me by a small interest group from within the community weeks before our chapter installation, even reaching the national BCBP office. Armed with the truth and a clear conscience, and believing in the Lord's grace and wisdom, I faced them in a dialogue which ended with all issues clarified and

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the whole truth revealed. I was amazed at myself. Ako na madaling magalit at mairita was so pasensiyoso during that dialogue. I even felt no rancor in my heart against those who initiated the action.

That event lifted up my spirit and heart. It told me that everything was happening in accordance with God's will. I also realized that as there is personal purification, God permits also communal purification. From the experience, I learned the following lessons.


Firstly, there are those who join Christian communities because of the various benefits the community provides, i.e. friendship, engaging activities, role to increase personal esteem. But this cannot be the primary reason for being a part of a spiritual community life. True conversion to Christ is the beginning and end of community life. If a member has not had this genuine conversion then his first focus will not be the Lord but the self-interest he has and the personalities, the programs of the community which are just tools to genuine conversion to Christ. Communities are but tools to Christ.

Secondly, in a community such as the BCBP, we need elders or leaders. Even if these leaders are not perfect as they are prone to commit mistakes, their authority does not come from their imperfection but from the Lord. God will use their weaknesses and frailties for the satisfaction of the members.

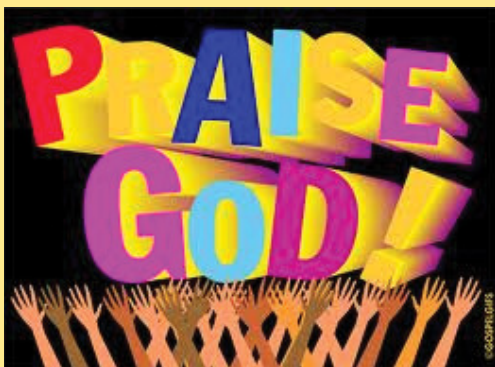
Thirdly, I learned that true obedience needs two virtues: surrendered humility because leaders are not in command but God is; and, a deepened trust because we cannot follow God's delegated leaders without faith in God Himself.

I am now 63 years old. I have outgrown my being a nominal Christian. I can say with all sincerity that I am a now a practicing Christian. And that I am God's work-in-progress. I have surrendered myself to God and submitted myself to the authority that runs the BCBP. I was a City Director of the Dept of Local Governments when I became a BCBP member. In God's grace I became a Provincial Director. I could have opted to stay with the DILG because I still have two full years to serve with all the perks that the department can offer. But I opted to retire because I wanted to serve fully as an RCD, Regional Council Director for Northeast Leyte and Samar.

I did not plan all these. God did. He is planning everything for me and I am sure He has more plans but whatever it will be, I will abide by them. I rely on the promise in

Philippians 4:13, "I will be able to do all these things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me." May God bless us all! 

BIBLE SHARING: THE POWERFUL WEAPON OF PRAISE



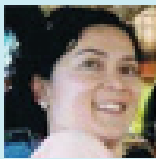
Praise is a powerful weapon to break down walls, open closed doors, and win battles as we fight to extend God's kingdom in the marketplace. Why should we praise God? Praising God blesses us by focusing our eyes on His greatness. It transforms our perspective on life's difficulties.

- God is worthy of praise: Isaiah 51:13. 1 Chron. 29:11. Psalm 148:3. Luke 19:40. Psalm 103.
- Praise deepens our intimacy with God: Psalm 22:3. 2 Chron. 5:13-14. Psalm 63:2-5.
- Praise is a weapon in spiritual warfare: 2 Chron. 20:6 ff. Acts 16:25 ff.
- It tempers our disappointments: Habakkuk 3:17-18. Psalm 42:11. 2 Samuel 12:20. Job 1:21.
- We are created to praise God: Ephesians 1:12. Psalm 34:1. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Read through your favorite psalms plus Psalms 96, 148 and 150. Then reflect and share on the following questions:

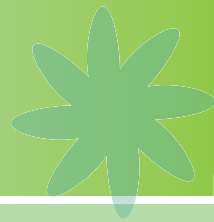
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| • WHO is exhorted to praise God? | • WHEN should we praise God? |
| • WHAT is the value of praise? | • WHY is God so praise-worthy? |
| • WHERE are we to praise God? | • HOW can we praise God? |

What is at least one way through which you can add more praise to your life in the coming days?



Making an Effort

by Annie Salvador, BCBP Baguio



“DID YOU LEARN?”

One of the most striking books I’ve read is Dr Richard Moody’s *Life After Life*, where he distilled hundreds of personal accounts into a sketch of the near-death experience. We’ve all heard of the typical elements: the out-of-body sensation, the entire life flashing in an instant, the pull towards some passageway towards some gate or portal. The impact of Moody’s book, for me, lies in the last element of his summary: when people die, there is an encounter with a Being of Light and Goodness, and this Being poses two questions: “Did you love?” and “Did you learn?”

The question about loving came as no surprise, but “Did you learn?” to me, was unexpected. It really got me thinking. So, “Did you learn?” is the question I would like to explore in this sharing. After all, in a couple of weeks I’m turning 52. Having joined BCBP when I was a brand-new bride at 26, this means that just about half my life has been spent as a BCBP member. And what have I got to show for all these years?

In 1986 Tita Cory became president. For me, it was a time of anticipated changes, not only as a Filipino but also as a Christian, because we joined the BCBP. It was just a few months after we were married, and Nelson invited me to the Breakfast, in preparation for joining the BCLP, which we did, graduating in October 1986. God called me into a personal relationship, I said yes, and God did not disappoint. When I became a BCBP member, He started in earnest to teach me about life in the footsteps of Jesus.

The very first important lesson I learned was to entrust my life to the Father. “... But apart from me you can do nothing.” (Jn15:5) Indeed, despite my best efforts, I can’t

answer my own prayers. If I want something to happen in my life, I need to ask the Lord for it. And – how He honors trust!

My next lesson was learning about His providence. “But if in the field God so clothes the grass which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much



more will he clothe you...” (Lk12:28) As each of our five children were born, He provided Nelson and myself with resources for supporting our family – and I’m not just talking about money. Even BCBP was a rich supply, what with our Action Group, the teachings and the retreats we gained so much from. God blessed us abundantly, allowing us to grow in the community, as we served in various capacities, and enabling us to give our children a number of foundational strengths for their own lives-knowledge of and faith in God, a healthy respect for work, and security in our love and presence.

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The next lesson He taught me was to set my priorities – renouncing quick gratification for the long-term, towards more important things. “Set your heart first on the kingdom and the justice of God and all these things shall be given to you.” (Matt6:33) This phase of my life began when I first asked my midlife questions at age 37, and culminated when we moved to Baguio in 2003. In order to hold our children closer, just before their adolescence swept them away, we gave up many things: the trappings of wealth, an urban lifestyle, brothers and sisters in the Makati Chapter, even having our own families of origin nearby.

And now, God’s current lesson for me is something I’m still learning: accepting losses. “If you want to follow me, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me.” (Mk8:34) I no longer possess my children’s innocent and total adoration nor their constant presence around me; many family members and friends have passed away; I have had to give up many, many of my expectations; my energy level (note- NOT endurance) is much lower while my patience is much shorter. I am also seeing my youth slipping by – so the mirror tells me every time I care to look. Even my customary camaraderie with Nelson has been changing, since like me, he’s going through his own stuff too.

Giving things up is always difficult. These days I hurt more than before – and I don’t simply mean aches in my head and my back and my shoulders. My heart is also experiencing more pain than it has ever been used to. Life, although deeper and richer, is also harder.

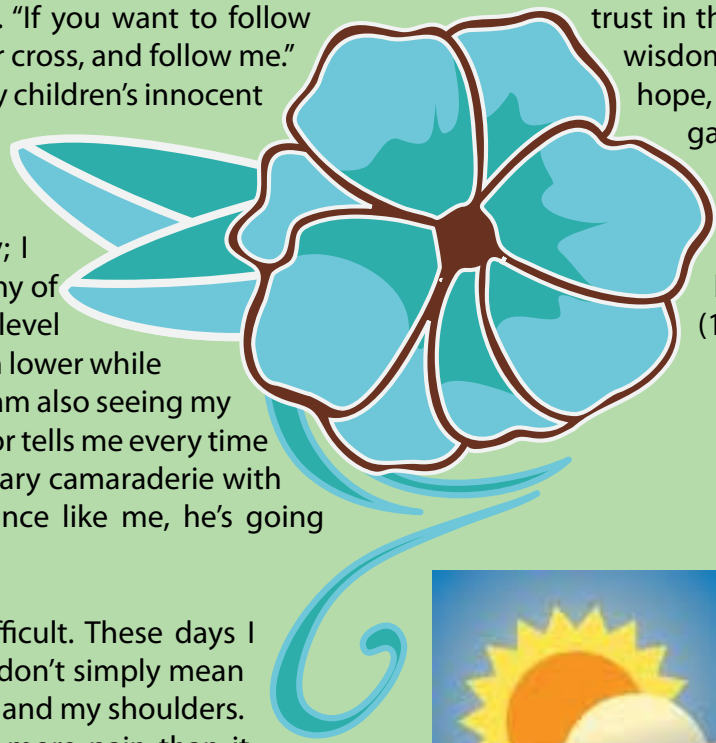
And so, more than ever before, Mama Mary is my inspiration. After all, she said in Cana, “Do whatever He tells you.” I follow her leading, especially as a woman. I am learning, whenever I consider my angustia, to keep these things in my heart, and when I come to the Lord in prayer, I turn over my sorrows to Him. He knows what to do with

them and He knows what to do with me. I must admit: He’s not as quick as I’d like him to be sometimes, but one thing’s sure – he always, always takes care of me. The Lord, who says “I am with you always, until the end of this world,” is my true Salvador.

“Set your heart first on the kingdom and the justice of God and all these things shall be given to you.” (Matt6:33)

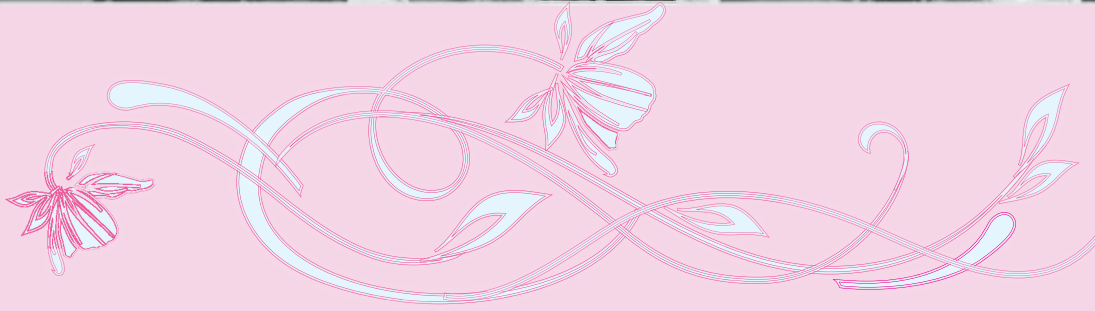
As I linger in this time of my life, I believe the next lesson can be

glimmered in my horizon – it is to gratefully embrace what I have and therefore to bloom where I am planted. Along with adult children and hair that won’t stay dark without some help from the parlor, I have less years to go than I have behind me. I look back upon many, many years with the certainty that God is in charge of my life, and as I walk into my future, I have the conviction that He always, always has my back. As I continue to place my trust in the Lord, I look forward to more wisdom, and more grace, and more hope, and the unbelievably loving gaze of our Father in heaven. In Corinthians, Paul says, “Now we see a dim reflection, as if we were looking into a mirror, but then we shall see clearly.” (1Cor 13:12)





Ladies Forum



The New Feminism for the Christian Woman

There have been many feminist movements throughout the years with those movements aimed at defining, establishing, and defending equal political, economic, social rights and opportunities for women. Feminism is mainly focused on women's issues, women's gender equality and roles in the home and in the marketplace. Most feminists are actively opposed to domestic violence, sexual harassment, and sexual assault.

Pope John Paul II in his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae*, EV, "The Gospel of Life", points out that women have a very important role in promoting the "culture of life". "In transforming culture so that it supports life, women occupy a place, in thought and action, which is unique and decisive. It depends on them to promote a "new feminism" which rejects the temptation of imitating models of "male domination", in order to acknowledge and affirm the true genius of women in every aspect of the life of society, and overcome all discrimination, violence and exploitation." (#99)

Even Jesus throughout his life and ministry savored a very special caring relationship with women. He defied societal restrictions as He talked with women, both privately and in public. No woman who encountered Jesus came away untouched by His holiness, forgiveness and caring love. The women who followed Him remained faithful to him even to the cross and the tomb when everyone else had abandoned Him. Jesus' mission was announced by women: by Anna the prophetess who speaks of Him who was born, by the Samaritan woman who announced Him to the Samaritan people, by Mary of Magdala whom Jesus sent to the apostles to announce his resurrection. It was Mary, his mother, who announced his first miracle at the wedding at Cana.



Feminist movements, especially the Third Wave feminist movement, since the 1990's focus more on encouraging personal empowerment and action. Although women of recent years do not reject political activism, the emphasis is more on using one's personal abilities as a starting point for change, both personal and societal transformation. They are concerned with their own life journey, how to make the most of it, and are exploring areas of culture, the marketplace, role identity, and adventure that had never before been open to women.

What bearing does this have to us Catholic women in the BCBP? Let us review some of the points brought out in a previous 'Ladies Forum' article: The Ministry of Womanhood, Parts I and II.

"As Christian women we are given a unique ministry, the ministry of being a woman, a woman after God's own

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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 are and 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."

This is the essence of Christian Catholic Feminism – being a woman after God's own heart. We do not need to

be equal to or to imitate man, because God made us uniquely woman, blessing us with the responsibility of enabling another human being to grow inside her and to be nourished with her love. Pope John Paul II in EV credits us women with "true genius ... [to be able to contribute] in every aspect of the life of society..."

Is this kind of feminism "new"? No, I don't think so. It has actually been around since the time of Jesus Christ. But over the ages Jesus' teachings and attitudes on women have been distorted, restated to suit worldly ambitions, and changing societal and cultural norms. We need to return to the beginning of "new feminism", to Jesus Christ



and the women of the Bible, to learn from them what it really means to be a woman after God's own heart. – Nancy R. Catan, BCBP Manila 





Feature

THE MASTERPIECE

As Christians we are called to examine our relationship with God as our loving and caring Father. Without experiencing the love and protection of God the Father we, sooner or later, will feel the bitter taste of being like orphans, uncertain about the origin of our life and confused about its meaning, future and purpose. Only in the presence of God the Father will we be fully aware of our human-divine past, and find real hope, enthusiasm and confidence for the future. We are indebted to Sis Charisse Fortich of BCBP Cagayan de Oro for contributing this “masterpiece”.

Years ago, there was a very wealthy man who, with his devoted young son, shared a passion for art collecting. Together they traveled around the world, adding only the finest art treasures to their collection. Priceless works by Picasso, Van Gogh, Monet, and many others adorned the walls of their family estate. The widowed elderly man looked on with satisfaction as his only child became an experienced art collector. The son’s trained eye and sharp business mind caused his father to beam with pride as they dealt with art collectors around the world.

As winter approached, war engulfed their nation, and the young man left to serve his country. After only a few short weeks, the elderly man received a telegram that his beloved son was missing in action. The art collector anxiously awaited more news, fearing he would never see his son again. Within days, his fears were confirmed. The young man had died while rushing a fellow soldier to a medic.

Distraught and lonely, the old man faced the upcoming Christmas holidays with anguish and sadness. The joy of the season – a season that he and his son had so looked forward to in the past would visit his house no longer.

On Christmas morning, a knock on the door awakened the depressed old man. As he walked to the door, the



masterpieces of art of the walls only reminded him that his son was not coming home. He opened the door and was greeted by a soldier with a large package in his hand. The soldier introduced himself to the old man by saying, “I was a friend of your son. I was the one he was rescuing when he died. May I come in for a few moments? I have something to show you.”

As the two began to talk, the soldier told of how the man’s son had told everyone of his and his father’s love of fine art work. “I’m also an artist,” said the soldier, “and I want to give you this.” As the old man began to unwrap the package, paper gave way to reveal a portrait of the man’s son. Though the world would never consider it a work of genius, the painting featured the young man’s face in striking detail. Overcome with emotion, the old man thanked the soldier, promising to hang the portrait above the fireplace. A few hours later, after the soldier had departed, the old man set about his task. True to his word, the painting went above the fireplace, pushing aside thousands of dollars worth of paintings. And then the old man sat in his chair and spent Christmas gazing at the gift he had been given. *continued from page 24*



During the days and weeks that followed, the man learned that his son had rescued dozens of wounded soldiers before a bullet stilled his caring heart. As the stories of his son's gallantry continued to reach him, fatherly pride and satisfaction began to ease his grief, as he realized that, although his son was no longer with him, the boy's life would live on because of those he had touched. The painting of his son soon became his most prized possession, far eclipsing any interest in the priceless pieces for which museums around the world clamored. He told his neighbors it was the greatest gift he had ever received.

The following spring, the old man became ill and passed away. The art world was in anticipation, since, with the old man's passing, and his only son dead, those paintings would be sold at an auction. According to the will of the old man, all of the art works would be auctioned on Christmas Day, the day he had received his greatest gift. The day finally arrived and art collectors from around the world gathered to bid on some of the world's most spectacular paintings. Dreams could be fulfilled this day, greatness could be achieved as some could say, "I have the greatest collection."


The auction began with a painting that was not on any museum list. It was the painting of the old man's son. The auctioneer asked for an opening bid, but the room was silent. "Who will open the bidding with \$100?" he asked. Moments passed as no one spoke.

From the back of the room came, "Who cares about that painting? It's just a picture of his son. Let's forget it and get on to the good ones." More voices echoed in agreement. "No, we have to sell this one first," replied the auctioneer. "Now who will take the son?"

Finally, a friend of the old man spoke. "Will you take \$10 for the painting? That's all I have." "Will anyone go higher?" called the auctioneer. After more silence he said, "Going once, going twice ... Gone!" The gavel fell. Cheers filled the room and someone shouted, "Now we can get on with it and bid on these treasures!"

The auctioneer looked at the audience and announced that the auction was over. Stunned disbelief quieted the room. Then someone spoke up and asked, "What do you mean it's over? We didn't come here for a portrait of some old man's son! What about all of these other paintings? We demand an explanation!"

The auctioneer replied, "It's very simple. According to the will of the father, whoever takes the son ... gets it all."

Just as the art collectors discovered on that day ... the message is still the same. The love of the Father, a Father whose son gave his life for others ... and because of that Father's love ... whoever takes the Son gets it all. 

"And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever possesses the Son has life; whoever does not possess the Son of God does not have life." 1 John 5:11-12



BCBP BREAKFAST DIRECTORY - Oct 1, 2011

CHAPTER/OUTREACH	VENUES	DAY		2nd		4th	CONTACT PERSON	CELL PHONE
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NAVOTAS c/o Camanava	Jollibee, Naval St., Navotas	TUE	-	M	-	J	Romy Padua	09325958846
GREENHILLS	Club Filipino, San Juan	THU	M	J	M	S	William Dionisio	09178330099
PASIG c/o Greenhills	Congo Grille, El Pueblo, Ortigas Ctr	SAT	M	M	M	J	Bert Salanga	09178487604
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CAPITOL HILLS c/o QC	Albergus Resto, Capitol Hills / Balara	SAT		J		J	Jansen Bautista	09228571889
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MARIKINA	McDonalds, Marcos Hiway nr Filinvest	SAT	M	M	J	M	Marlon Centeño	09088617073
ALABANG	Ayala Alabang Country Club	SAT	M	S	M	J	Eric Manuel	09166680080
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
MUNTINLUPA	Palms Country Club	SAT	M	-	M	-	Bob Corrales	09175457696
PARAÑAQUE	Max's Restaurant, Sucat, Pqe	SAT	M	M	M	J	Joel Millena	09178048826
PASAY CITY	Greenside, Villamor Golf Club, Pasay	SAT	M	S	M	J	Mario Racho	09183240440
PASAY NORTH	Sogun Hotel, EDSA, Pasay	TUE	-	J	-	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 LUZON								
BAGUIO	Supreme Hotel, Magsaysay Ave	SAT	M	J	M	S	Leo Villanueva	09189395055
DAGUPAN	Star Plaza*, Pinkies**	SAT	J*	L**	M**		Lito Magno	09287551500
URDANETA	Ciudad Fernandina	SAT	-	J	-	M	Jun Gutierrez	09156009044
LAOAG	M-Florians Cafe, J-Palazzo dLaoag	SAT	M	M	-	J	Sydney Santiago	09175700100
VIGAN	Max's Resto , Vigan	SAT	-	-	M	-	Sydney Santiago	09175700100
SAN FERNANDO, L.U.	Sea & Sky	SAT	J	-	S	M	Allan Avila	09173501091
CANDON, Ilocos	AraMarie Resto (Farmer's)	SAT		J		J	Onnie Duran	09286264381
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 Evaristo	09189401614
BALANGA Bataan	Crown Royale Hotel	SAT	J	J	J	J	Oca Banzon	09175760982
BULACAN CENTRAL	Fortune Resto, Malolos	SAT	M	J	M	S	Eddie Agustin	09052210092
BULACAN NORTH (Pulilan)	Café Narciso, Pulilan	SAT	J	J	J	S	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	Vil Tila	09185022887
GAPAN	Jjerrbee's Resto	SAT	J	J	J	J	Noli Inton	09164097865
SOUTHERN LUZON								
BACOR	Don Enrico's Bahayang Pagasa	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
CALAMBA	Riverview Resort	SAT	M	J	M	S	Don Alarcon	09189293853
CALAPAN	Max's Resto	SAT	M	J	S	M	Rod Umali	09175040832
IMUS	Orchard Golf & Country Club	SAT	M	J	M	J	Arnold dela Rosa	09285009363
DAET	Golden Palace & Restaurant	SAT	-	J	-	J	Tony Magana	09195888034
GEN TRIAS	Genstar Mall	SAT	M	S	M	J	Boy Castro	09195714042
TRECE MARTIREZ	De Sagun Bldg, Saluysoy	SAT	M	S	M	J	Boy Castro	09195714042
LIPA	Luntian Restaurant, Lipa City	SAT	M	J	M	S	Rico Araño	09189079082
LOS BANOS	Chowking, Vega Ctr, Grove LB	SAT	M	J	M	M	Ferdie Cartano	09228063794
LUCENA	Guisseppe 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 Cadiante	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	-	J	-	J	Lo Dumlaio	09178951987
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		Johnny Freo	09282832803
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	-	-	Dante Erasan	09189216756
TOLEDO Cebu	Cebeco III Compound	SUN	J	-	-	M	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	S	J	M	J	Benson Tompong	0917320066
MACTAN	Crown Regency Suites	SAT	M	J	M	S	Doxie Cabasagan	09204766218
MANDAUE	Montebello Villa Hotel, Banilad	SAT	M	J	M	S	Mar Sequino	09263125821
TALISAY Cebu	Chowking Gaisano Tabunok	SUN	M	J	-	J	Lino Canete	09173273780
BAIS	PPC	SAT	-	M	-	J	Eden Garcia	09276839648
DUMAGUETE NORTH	Bethel Guest House	SAT	J	M	S	-	Henry Tan	09179670184
DUMAGUETE SOUTH	Bethel Guest House	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
BORONGAN	JRC Bldg, Brgy Songco	SAT	-	J	-	J	Sonny Uy	09177222803



CALBAYOG	I's Plant Hotel	SUN	J		M	-	Larry Rubio	09176155945
CATBALOGAN	Cocina de Cabral	SAT	J	-	M	-	Egan Gabon	09209241699
CATARMAN	Pink City, Catarman	SUN	-	J	-	J	Jess Laodeno	09168763219
TACLOBAN	Sitti Grille Resto* Pier 3** Dream Bakery	SAT	L	M*	M*	J**	Joseph Escalona	09152153587
BAYBAY	Captain Grills	SUN	-	J	-	S	Jim Bernales	09157096938
MAASIN	Supercha Restaurant	SUN	J	-	S	-	Yul Gerong	09275597656
ORMOC	Pongos Hotel	SAT	-	M	J	M	Tex Peñalosa	09189919551
NAVAL	Marina's Seaside Inn	SUN	-	J	-	M	Juan Pastor	09153647226
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 Horvidalla	09104038331
ILOILO	Sarabia Manor 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	SAT	M	J	M	J	Noel Mercado	0918258983
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	M	Marpe Reyes	09216909485
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	M	J	-	M	Nick Baliguig	09176310714
DIPOLOG	Top Plaza Hotel	SAT	-	J	M	S	Maiko Wong	09228255784
ILIGAN	Sunburst Resto	SAT	-	M	M	J	Boy San Luis	09183127217
KAPATAGAN	Mindanao Civic Cetner, Tubod	SAT	J	-	J	-	Dodo Ebarido	09129562094
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*/ Maxis**/Denny's***/ Hapag +	Sun		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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