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HAPPY 13th ANNIVERSARY



EXCEL AND
PROCLAIM
GOD'S GREATNESS

*"The works of the Lord are all of them good; every
need when it comes he fills
So now with full joy of heart proclaim
and bless the name of the Holy One."
Sirach 39:33,35*



Participants to the first 5-year planning conference of the BCBP prepare for a working session. The planning exercise was held Mar. 20-21 at the Development Academy of the Phils., Tagaytay. Conference report is on p. 7

EXCEL and PROCLAIM GOD'S GREATNESS

Nancy R. Catan

In 1991 we were asked to put our lives and our marketplace activities in proper order with our theme for the year: "Our God Reigns In The Marketplace: Care for Justice; Act with Integrity". Last year our theme called the Brotherhood to look to the harvest and become effective workers in the Lord's vineyard. This year our theme zeros in on the principle of excellence, identifying excellence as a necessary ingredient for us be effective in bringing the BCBP's vision and mission into the marketplace.

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As followers of Jesus Christ, excellence should be our way of life. Jesus Himself tells us: "Be perfect as I am perfect." (Matt. 5:48) Excellence certainly leads us toward perfection.

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We learned in the "7 Habits" that there are certain principles that govern human effectiveness. Like a lighthouse illumines the darkness and guides passing ships past dangerous rocks and reefs, these principles provide us fundamental guidelines for living that have enduring, permanent value and give direction to our lives. The more closely our lives are aligned with these principles, the more effective we will be.

Some of these principles are fairness and justice, integrity and honesty, human dignity, service to others, Christ-centeredness, stewardship and EXCELLENCE.

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If excellence is our way of life, then we become examples and witnesses of excellence to others. We proclaim God's greatness through our excellence. Isn't this what Jesus expects us to do - to proclaim the gospel with the way we act and live as well as with what we say?

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"The work of evangelization is a basic duty of the People of God." (EN, 59) The Lord wants His Church to be universal, a great tree whose branches shelter the birds of the air (Matt. 13:22), a net which catches fish of every kind (Matt. 13:47).

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Pope Paul VI in "Evangelii Nuntiandi" emphasizes the important role of the laity in carrying out evangelizing activities in the marketplace. He says that we must be active and involved in the affairs of the world, competent to witness Christ and the gospel, and conscious that we must exercise to the full our Christian powers in the service of the Kingdom of God without losing or sacrificing our humanness. Rather we must use our humanness to point to the transcendent dimension of salvation in Jesus Christ which is sometimes disregarded (EN, 70).

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Competence. Are we competent to witness Christ and the gospel in our marketplace? First, how is our individual spiritual life? What about our prayer time, our love for the Blessed Sacrament, our regular participation in

the Sacraments, our adherence to God's Word and His Will? And how about our family members - they are the first ones we should influence to walk with us in our journey with Jesus.

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As businessmen and professionals we try to keep abreast of current happenings in our respective fields of business. Do we make the same efforts to be up-to-date on Church documents and pronouncements, to be knowledgeable and competent in the basic foundations of our faith and in the teachings of Jesus Christ? Do we study and practice evangelization techniques? How competent are we to proclaim God's greatness?

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We claim we are Jesus' followers. He teaches us to seek the Kingdom of God in all things. Although He recognizes our human weakness and frailty, He still calls us to strive for the better Way, to raise our thoughts from day-to-day worldly ordinariness to a life of sanctified witness, to a life of excellence.

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God created the heavens and the earth and all in it. He created the pristine raindrop and the velveteen delicateness of the orchid, the purity of

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BCBP 13th ANNIVERSARY Celebration Update

It's all systems "GO" for the BCBP 13th Anniversary Celebration, to be held on June 26 at the PICC Reception Hall, reports Makati chapter's overall coordinators for the affair Jun and Beth Ginete. Registration will start at 4:30 p.m. The celebration will begin with Holy Mass at 5:30, followed by dinner at 7:00. The two-hour program will begin at 8:00 with ballroom dancing for everyone capping the night.

The theme for this year's anniversary is "Excel and Proclaim God's Greatness."

Behind the scenes, the Anniversary Committee is busy with preparations. Seven working committees have been formed and are manned by representatives from each chapter. Following is a listing of the people working hard for the Anniversary Celebration:

Overall Coordinators	:	Jun & Beth Ginete
Chapter Coordinators	:	Nards de Guzman, Mel Tomas, Sonny Marquez, Angel Garcia, Emy Magdangal
Finance/Budget	:	Manny Bade, Bobby Atendido, Cocoy Vera Perez, Pons Fallarme, Louie Ferrer
Souvenir Program: Ads Solicitation	:	Ronnie Caballero, Benny de Guzman, Haydz Banigan, Mila Balaoing
Souvenir Publication	:	Kapatiran Staff c/o Emy Magdangal
Program Coordination	:	Beth Ginete, Frank Nuguid, Rayben Maigue
Secretariat Invitations/Program	:	Annie Salvador, Roger Ramos, Charito Garcia
Registration	:	Johnny Calixto, Ramky Yupangco, Lee Romero
Media/Promotions	:	Mon Gaité, Ver Sagun
Venue/Physical Arrangements	:	Gene Cordero
Liturgical Celebration (Music for the Mass)	:	Lito Francisco
Provincial/Outreach Chapter Liason	:	Rolly Ona

In the meantime, each chapter is busy practicing their participatory musical numbers for the evening. The program will feature the musical beat from different periods of time. Alabang will present the 1920s and 1930s, Greenhills the '40s and '50s, Makati the '60s and '70s, with Las Pinas vocalizing the sounds of the '80s and Quezon City the '90s.

Excel And Proclaim God's Greatness

**A Celebration of 13 Fruitful Years of the
BCBP**

June 26, 1993

**Philippine International Convention Center
Reception Hall**

PROGRAM

4:30 p.m.	Registration and Fellowship
5:30	Holy Mass/Eucharistic Celebration
7:00	Dinner
8:00	Chapter Presentations
10:00	Ballroom Dancing for Everyone

**BCBP Secretariat for the Anniversary
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Excel and Proclaim.....

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mountain water gurgling around aged stones, the trilling of wild birds in counterpoint harmony with swaying bamboo grove. Nature is God's greatest lesson in excellence.

God also created us, you and me, our neighbors, our fellow workers, the beggars on the street corners, the farmers in the fields, the workers in the factories. What kind of a witness are we to God's excellence?

"The works of God are all of them good; every need when it comes he fills.

So now with full joy of heart proclaim and bless the name of the Holy One."

Sirach 39:33,35

Let us be excellent in all that we do, brothers and sisters, and through this excellence, let us proclaim God's greatness!

Just His Instrument

Being a doctor, I have always believed that things happen because of tangible reasons. That a person gets sick because of an infection or a car breaks down due to a defective part. Because of this, I have sometimes dealt with patients unfeelingly. I considered myself better than them because I knew the cause of their disease and how to relieve them of their ailments.

But little did I know that there was Somebody much greater than I. Now I know! I am just His instrument. My abilities are a gift from Him. Things which I once considered achievements I now see as blessings showered on me by the good Lord. Problems encountered are now seen as tests and not as misfortunes.

Jacqueline J. Espina
Cebu Chapter

What BCBP Means To Me

I only have to look at my book of life to know the meaning of BCBP in me.

B - Beginning, birth, baptism (BCBP opened new doors, new faith for me - for us)

C - Christ, commitment, conversion

B - Blessings, balanced life, beauty of Knowing Jesus. The LORD really knows BEST.

P - Partner, prayers; BCBP is a PRESENT - a gift to us where we can be with Christian brothers and sisters who are committed to the LORD. Where we find fully the joy of serving BCBP, our partner in growth.

Irma Pineda
Alabang Chapter

The BCBP and Me

On Being a Christian Lawyer

As a lawyer, it is a daily struggle to remain truly Christ-like. I have been frustrated more than once. As I continue to reflect, I have come to realize that it is precisely because I am a lawyer that I have been called to witness--this is where I will sharpen my reaper for the harvest.

I have realized, only now, the advantages of being a Christian lawyer in the dog-eat-dog world. I can at least assure those whom I work with that they can trust me. If you hire lawyers to bribe your way out of trouble, how do you know that they will not sell you down the road?

Ray Pandan
Bacolod Chapter

See How God Works

My life with the BCBP is barely four months old, but in this short span of time I have felt and can see the change within me, a change that has also been noticed by my friends.

My life before was centered mostly on my own self, neglecting my wife and three kids for my barkada, smoking, drinking and gambling. These are now things of the past. In place of my old barkada I found a new barkada, bigger this time, for we are 32 in all, the graduates of CLP 1 in Tagbilaran.

My priorities have changed, too. God first and my wife and kids a very close second. See how wonderfully God works, if you will just let Him!

Albert M. Uy
Tagbilaran Outreach

Music Is God's Tool

I have found that music is a powerful tool which God uses to bring people closer to Him. We can communicate God's love, His Word and His Spirit through music. We can "come into His presence with singing... (and) serve the Lord with gladness."

My wife and I joined the music ministry right after finishing CLP 10 (Greenhills) in 1986. Then we were only 6 couples. Today we are about 42 members who love to sing for the Lord and who are committed to serving God in this ministry.

Even though we rehearse twice a month under a patient instructor (who is a musical teacher in a leading university) and even more often if there is an upcoming presentation, we have committed ourselves to be always present and to put up our best effort. Rehearsals are also a time for praying together, sharing our concerns and feelings, and growing in love for one another and for God. It seems that the effectiveness of our ministry is determined by the warm relationships within the group rather than our musical ability. Maybe this is because the love of Jesus is the source of our music.

Ruben C. Aganon
Greenhills Chapter

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husband and wife and more loving parents to our children. We always put God at the center of our daily activities. We trust that He doesn't give us a cross that's an ounce too heavy for us to carry.

When we look back at all the years when we didn't have God in our lives, we try our best to make up for lost time. To this day, we continue to pray in thanksgiving for our tito and tita who invited us to the BCBP as well as for all those who have not yet experienced the Almighty's love and goodness.

Choy & Maricon Solatorio
Bacolod Chapter



The BCBP ladies group animatedly discuss their role in the BCBP.



Participants in the 5-year planning session listen to a group presentation.

SYNERGY IN ACTION

Ronnie Caballero, Makati Chapter

Early morning while on the way to the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) in Tagaytay my expectations were high even though the weekend's workload was expected to be heavy. Could we be able to tackle the problems...who could say? But hope was always there because of our unifying faith and mission.

Upon arrival we were greeted by our cheerful taskmaster for the weekend, Tito Larry de Larrazabal, in his now famous bermuda shorts. After breakfast and worship, we divided into four working groups and sat down to the task at hand - that of threshing out problems and identifying what we need to do within the next five years to meet the BCBP's Vision and Mission.



The surprise of the weekend was the resulting synergy emanating from the brothers and sisters. All boundaries and walls just gave way to the unifying power of the Spirit. Gone was the competition and grandstanding between chapters which was openly joked about in all breakfasts. What was prevalent was the sharing, the teaching and gentle guidance to each other making for a better vision of things to come for the BCBP of 1998 or even the year 2000.

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5-YEAR PLANNING CONFERENCE HELD

The first BCBP 5-year planning conference and workshop was held on March 20 and 21 at the Development Academy of the Philippines in Tagaytay. Conducted by the National Council, the weekend was envisioned to identify specific directions for the BCBP chapters and mission teams to take to enable them to attain the BCBP's Vision and Mission in their respective areas. Fernando de Larrazabal, National Council Managing Director for Luzon, was the workshop's leader.

The 30 brothers and sisters attending were apportioned into four special discussion groups: the chapter heads group, the mission directors/breakfast heads group, the women's group and the teaching and formation group. After extensive deliberations, each group then presented their report and recommendations in the plenary session.

Chapter Heads Recommendations

In summary, the chapter heads group identified expansion areas and set in place guidelines for the conduct of conversion, commitment and commissioning activities for strengthening the membership. Some of their recommendations included starting a Balik-Brotherhood program, getting professional help in formulating the teaching and formation programs, strengthening the corporate evangeliza-

tion thrust, and being more active in military evangelization.

Mission Programs

The mission directors/breakfast heads group arrived at a consensus on the matters of mission responsibilities and objectives using the holistic approach: inward, from the entry point in breakfasts to the CLP/Culture program, and outward, through corporate evangelization via the business evangelization program (B.E.P.).

Their action plans included 1) activating a BCBP mission council tasked to formulate mission activities and to spearhead their implementation once approved by the National Council, 2) organizing unified mission teams for corporate evangelization, 3) organizing a unified task force to establish outreaches, open up breakfasts, conduct CLP and culture talks, and 4) establish a BCBP-wide pool of sharers and speakers.

The mission directors/breakfast heads group also drew up a list of detailed guidelines and procedures for the conduct of mission and breakfast activities which includes a standard evaluation scale to help in determining the effectivity of each activity. New breakfast venues were targeted at the rate of four new venues per chapter within 5 years.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL NOTES

Davao To Open Soon

BCBP Cebu chapter will expand their evangelization efforts this year to include Davao City. It is expected that the Cagayan de Oro BCBP brothers and sisters will lend their support to the opening up of this new mission area.

Palawan Part of Luzon

The National Council wishes to clarify that the BCBP activities in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, will remain as a part of the Luzon grid and an outreach of the Las Pinas chapter. This clarification is made in response to queries as to whether Palawan belongs to the Visayas or to Luzon.

BCBP Songbooks Available

The most sung BCBP songs plus some other favorites are now available under one cover at the BCBP Secretariat. This new publication contains only the lyrics of selected songs from the Come and Worship songbook series and The Lord Reigns songbook. If the musical notes are needed, the original songbooks have to be used.

Workers Of Christ

The National Council has officially approved the operation of the Workers Of Christ under the flag of the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals. This evangelization movement for rank and file workers is presently being implemented by the Greenhills Chapter.

Joint Meeting of Council, Chapter Heads and Mission Directors

Twenty-one attended the May 12 joint meeting between the National Council, Luzon chapter heads and mis-

sion directors at the Metro Club in Makati. Primary on the agenda was the review of the proceedings of the Tagaytay planning activity. These are going to be consolidated with the plans of the BCBP groups in the Southern Philippines. The National Council will then come up with the formal 5-year development plans for the Brotherhood.

The joint meeting initially tackled the question on the scope of authority (especially in financial matters) and length of term of chapter heads. There was also extensive discussion on guidelines and working relationships for outreaches with the reminder that such outreaches/activities should fall within the target market of the Brotherhood's vision and mission. The discussions on these matters will be continued in subsequent meetings.

Guilds Workshop Held

The BCBP, through its Managing Director for Guilds, Louie J. Morales, conducted a guilds workshop on March 26 and 27 concluding on May 5, 1993 at the Asian Institute of Management, Makati, Metro Manila. Four members from each chapter in Manila and Northern Luzon participated in the workshop. The workshop staff composed of Louie Morales, Willie Vergara, Rey Feria, Frank Hidalgo and Willi Guzman supervised and managed the seminar.

Appointed to form the Council of Guild Directors were Frank Hidalgo (Alabang), Bong Lodero (Las Pinas), Jules Villamor (Makati), Eddie Mendoza (Greenhills), Ted Velasco (Quezon City) and Benigno Tan (Dagupan City).

The group discussed with thoroughness and precision the objectives, expectations, structures and rules of the Guilds. No definite composition, structure or rule was as yet agreed upon. Membership qualifications and the manner of recruitment are still under discussion with these matters ex-

pected to be settled during the May 26 meeting called for the purpose.

Asked to describe the concept of the guild, Louie Morales replied that a guild is a small group of businessmen or professionals acknowledged as excellent, prominent and influential in their respective fields who by their prestige and reputation are chosen as catalysts for change in the marketplace. Except for the core members, BCBP membership is not a qualification for guild membership. The more important qualifications are excellence, prestige and good reputation in one's field of competence, he said.



New CLP Manual Released

Commitment to the Lord through the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals will no longer be done at the end of the Christian Life Program but will take place after the Culture Talks. This is one of the main changes in the revised CLP Manual said Fernando de Larrazabal, BCBP National Council member, when the manual was released for use by the BCBP chapters.

He explained that the CLP proper will now have only 11 talks while the Culture Talk Series will be expanded into 7 talks to include the Commitment Talk.

When asked about what happens to those participants of the CLP who do not want to continue with the Culture Talks, de Larrazabal replied that although they would not become full members of the BCBP, we in the Brotherhood could be happy that at least they were better Christians now than they had been before taking the course. He emphasized that one would not be accepted as a full member of the BCBP unless he or she had completed both the CLP and the Culture Talks.

5-Year Planning*from p. 5***BCBP Women's Activities**

The women's group recommended that the BCBP ladies be afforded more opportunity for formation talks and activities on women's concerns. It was clarified that the BCBP women do not constitute a separate group within the BCBP umbrella but are, in fact, a support group for the men of the Brotherhood.

Teaching, Formation Directions

The teaching and formation group zeroed in on the need for more formal teaching and formation tracks to come after the CLP and culture talks. They recommended that the tracks should be in four levels, for associate members and breakfast goers, for regular members who have completed the CLP and Culture Talks, for active members who have undergone the BCMR, and for members in leadership and service.

Similar issues are being discussed in the South by the Visayas and Mindanao chapters and outreaches. The recommendations from the South plus the Luzon recommendations are to be submitted to the National Council for formulation into the official BCBP 5-year development plan and approved by the Council for implementation.

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Everyone was just too willing to share spiritual "technology", trade "secrets" and talents. If anything excellent would be uncovered and appreciated in a chapter, it was immediately and voluntarily made known that this was available for everyone to partake of.

This entire exercise brought home to me the realization that focused, united, trained and always Spirit-led the BCBP of the future will be at hand not only to win battles in the marketplace but ultimately the war in the marketplace with our Lord in the lead.



Some of Makati chapter's participants enjoy lunch break during the 5-year Planning Conference.

MAKATI UPDATE**CLP 21 Ongoing**

The CLP 21 participants fittingly had their Baptism of the Holy Spirit on May 29, Saturday, with the Holy Mass being an anticipated mass for the celebration of Pentecost. Venue was Magallanes Church. Their CLP schedule is such that they will have their Commitment Night just in time for them to join the rest of BCBP in celebrating the Brotherhood's 13th Anniversary on June 26.

The CLP 21 participants are: Dong Macias, Arthur & Tessie Reyes, Elmer & Joy Gerencillo, Larry & Effie Dimailig, Paquito & Amy Puno, Rudy & Paring Orino, Rey & Gina Bantegui, Aaron & Ching Azarcon, Danny & Tess Silbor, Lito & Grace Tejada, Mar & Renie de Gorostiza, Daisy Peralta, Pat Piansay, Pio & Elving Altez, Dave & Menchu Madrid, Alex & Beth Manguba, Bouyem Balona, Pikes Sandiko, Annie Poyaoan, Luz Alcantara, Beny Luyon, Lot Oliveros and Mylene Alabastro.

**You are invited to the
Makati Ladies Breakfast
Anniversary, July 7,
Josephine's Greenbelt.**

New Outreach for Makati

Ronnie Caballero, the Mission Director for Makati, announced last May 5 during the Joint Breakfast that the Makati chapter will be establishing a new outreach in the Naga-Legaspi region. Eddie Go's service has been moved from the Men's Breakfast to the Outreach Program (Andy Fornier will temporarily fill-in as Breakfast Team Head). So, those with relatives and friends in the Naga-Legaspi area can now prepare them for participating in the BCBP's planned activities there.

Joint Breakfasts in New Venue

The Makati Joint Breakfast, held every first Wednesday of the month, has a new home at Josephine's Restaurant in Greenbelt. Jek San Juan was the sharer on May 5 at the first joint breakfast held at the new venue.

The Makati joint breakfasts have continuously been growing in number of attendees and a new, larger venue was needed. About 100 attended the May 5 breakfast, a direct confirmation of the reason for the move.

Late Breakers

Evangelization Program

Several Las Pinas BCBP members attended the Professional Evangelization Program held on May 26, 27 and 28 at the Sacred Heart School in Tagaytay, Cavite. "The objective of this program," said Joey Estagle, chapter head, "is to articulate and give substance to the mission and vision of the brotherhood in the marketplace."

Fire Rally

The Las Pinas chapter held a Fire Rally on June 5 to honor the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. A huge crowd participated in the rally "to give truth and justice to the fact that our life in the brotherhood is under the influence of the Holy Spirit" said one rally goer.

Aquinas Book Club Meets

The St. Thomas Aquinas Book Club of the Las Pinas chapter met on March 24 at the residence of Kytt Mier who delivered a book review on J.A.T. Robinson's *Honest To God*, and on April 21 at the Estagle's residence where they discussed Tess Estagle's review of Stephen Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. Due to lack of space in this issue of the KAPATIRAN, these book reviews will be published in a later KAPATIRAN issue.

Ric Gloria reported on John L. Mckenzie's *Mastering The Meaning of the Bible* during the May 27 meeting of the book club. On June 24 the group is looking forward to hearing Manny Dacayan discuss C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters*. For information and venue of meetings interested brothers and sisters may contact Bong Lodero at tel. 521-8723.

Thanksgiving Mass at Smokey Mountain

BCBP members from Las Pinas and Alabang went to Smokey Mountain in the early morning of March 28, 1993, led by their respective chapter heads Joey/Tess Estagle and Pete/Rose Padre and celebrated a Thanksgiving Mass in honor of several local school children who were to graduate that afternoon from high school and elementary.

"These are the children who pushed their way through school with the power supplied by BCBP beneficence," said Fr. Ben Beltran, S.V.D., Smokey Mountain Parish Priest. He was referring to the scholarship program being maintained by the Las Pinas and Alabang chapters for about 100 Smokey Mountain scholars.

The Las Pinas singing group presented a musical program after the mass.



Lito Francisco, Las Pinas service support group head, talks with Fr. Ben Beltran, Smokey Mountain Parish priest, before the celebration of the thanksgiving mass on March 28. Seated are some of the scholars benefitted by the Las Pinas and Alabang chapters' scholarship fund.

PHILIPPINES 2000

Kytt Mier, Las Pinas Chapter

On February 15, 1993, the Office of the National Security Adviser sponsored a conference-workshop participated in by the religious sector. This exercise was part of the government's efforts to explain its program thrust while, at the same time, working to foster greater moral, spiritual and cultural cohesiveness among the citizenry.

Time consuming efforts such as this conference bring to the fore the strategy called "Philippines 2000" that says that the only way we can become a prosperous, free and peaceful nation by the year 2000 is to have a profound change in our individual and collective attitudes. No matter how good a national development plan is, it will not prosper as long as the fundamental attitudes of the people who are supposed to put it into effect remain in an obstructive, self-centered mode.

Personally, I believe that this conference-workshop or, at least, what it symbolizes, has a crucial significance for the BCBP. Called by God to become an effective "change agent" in the Philippine marketplace, the BCBP is in the best position to contribute to the task of nation building. Its strategic evangelization in the marketplace can directly and positively help instill proper work ethics and a strong spiritual foundation to prod workers and management to actively work for the common good. These efforts, blessed by God, would ultimately redound to the sociopolitical stability of our nation.

It is for this reason that the Brotherhood must now relentlessly push its various Guilds to become direct and active participants in nation building. Without doubt, there is need for some kind of reorientation and "retooling," for, if we (in the Office of the National Security Adviser) are expected by our bosses to be thoroughly familiar with the social teachings of the Church (from *Rerum Novarum* to *Centesimus Annus*, teachings of Msgr. Escriva, Ignatius of Loyola, etc.), how

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LAS PINAS CHRONICLE

22 Finish CLP 21

CLP 21 participants gathered on March 20, 1993 at the Elizabeth Seton Church, B.F. Resort Village, Las Pinas and were renewed in the Holy Spirit. Course leaders Romy/Nel Oller led the new members in the rites of Healing of Memories and Baptism in the Holy Spirit, the passage to a new life in Christ. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Ben Beltran, S.V.D.

Las Pinas brothers and sisters serving as discussion leaders were Butch/Elsie Quiazon, Jun/Lydia Figueroa, and Esser/Sylvia Yngente.

The Las Pinas chapter honored the graduates of the same CLP 21 with a special mass upon their completion of the CLP course on May 22, 1993 at the Italia Club 500. A warm welcome was extended to the new members who declared their commitment of service to the Lord through the BCBP.

WELCOME CLP 21!

Orly/Sol Escueta
Chino/Beth Reyes
Ted/Zeny Saporna
Arthur/Alva Espares
Elvie Nubla
Danny/Marifi Tiongo
Thor/Neri Olalla
Butch/Fe Bautista
Wynns/Lalyn Eusores
Honesto/Precy Caraos
Martin/Vivian Recto
Romy Lanting

Philippines 2000 ... from p. 8

much more should an evangelizing community like the BCBP be adequately prepared for the great struggle towards a God-centered Philippines, in 2000 AD and beyond!



Las Pinas BCBP members begin their Family Day with a Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Fr. Bernie Taylor and Fr. Johnny Cervania.

Family Day Welcomes Summer

Welcoming summer in their own inimitable way, the Las Pinas brothers and sisters gathered on April 18 at the Hampton Court, Hillsborough Subdivision, Alabang, for the chapter's Family Day. More than 100 families led by chapter head couple Joey/Tess Estagle joined the fun.

The day began with a Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Fr. Bernie Taylor and Fr. Johnny Cervania, with a special commentary composed by the

chapter's liturgical service group. Then BCBP members and children alike participated in sports activities and games that included tennis, bowling, pingpong, billiards, cycling, swimming and parlor games. Prizes were awarded the winners.

Lito Pardo coordinated the Family Day activities, together with Ray Panopio, Arnold Tarobal, Bobby Gaerlan, Vic Mirasol, Mar Mercado and Pete Bertis.

3rd Breakfast Anniversary

More than two hundred members and guests joined in the Las Pinas chapter's celebration of the third anniversary of the Men's Breakfast on April 17, 1993, at the Italia Club 500, Vista Grande, Las Pinas. Everyone participated in singing a special Thanksgiving Mass composed by the Las Pinas liturgical service group for the occasion.

Tony and Sarah Panahon from the Ligaya Ng Panginoon community gave the sharing during the breakfast that followed the mass. Then awards and citations were distributed to those members prominent in the breakfast activities for the past year.

Children's Formation Launched

The Las Pinas chapter inaugurated and launched the chapter's Children's Formation Program on April 18 during their Family Day celebration. Rey and Kristie Aninang have been tasked with supervising the implementation of the program in which there is an initial enrollment of forty children of ages 7 to 12.

Formation head couple Perry/Beth Domingo said that the Children's Formation Program is designed to provide a parallel intellectual, social and spiritual growth for the children of Las Pinas BCBP members.

CEBU LINK

BCBP Tagbilaran Ends First Year

July 11, 1993 will mark the end of the first year of Brotherhood activities in Tagbilaran City, Bohol. The mustard seed was planted on that same date in 1992 in an organizational meeting held at the la Roca Hotel with 11 people attending. Now two CLPs later, the Tagbilaran Mission has a dedicated and active core group of businessmen and professionals who, under the guidance of BCBP Cebu, look forward to growing into a chapter.

The work of evangelization in that city was never a bed of roses, reports Cebu's mission director Tatang Ed Lising as he related problems ranging from lack of manpower to logistic requirements to recruitment difficulties for the first CLP begun October 24, 1992 under course leader Lloyd Limbaga. Two talks were held every weekend session and despite some difficulties, the Lord blessed the team's efforts and the mission persevered. Culture talks followed in December. The mission team then conducted CLP 2 in March 1993.

As BCBP Tagbilaran prepares for its second year of growth in the Lord, the mustard seed planted that July day in 1992 can be clearly seen to be responding to the watering and nourishing efforts of the Tagbilaran Mission team and the CLP graduates. And all acknowledge that this growth has been nurtured greatly and powerfully by God.

Maasin CLP 3 Held

The BCBP Cebu-assisted project in Maasin, Southern Leyte, held its third Christian Life Program in May with Joe Acot as course leader and Lino Gonzales as chief servant. The CLP venue was the Mantahan Central Pilot Public School. There were 30 participants.

Graduates of CLPs 1 and 2 served CLP 3 as discussion group leaders and assistant DGLs; others served in the secretariat and the music ministry. Most of the speakers were also from Maasin. Rey Tan gave the talk on "What Is God Like"; Maloney Samaco spoke on the "Power of the Holy Spirit". Dodong Miel gave the talk on "The Authentic Christian Family" and Basilio Calapre the talk on "Life in the Holy Spirit".

Executive Assistant Urgently Needed

The BCBP National Secretariat is looking for a man or woman, who is young at heart, Christian in orientation, and eager to serve God in the BCBP's National Secretariat as Executive Assistant.

This person should be computer conversant, have a good command of English, and be familiar with office procedures, basic accounting and project administration. Salary is negotiable.

Preference will be given to BCBP members. Applicants from the outreaches and provincial chapters are welcomed. Contact Willi Guzman, BCBP National Secretariat, Palm Bldg, 4033 Yague St., Makati, or call tel. 813-0970.

1992 BCBP Cebu Breakfast Sharers

DATE	SHARER
JAN 04	RUDY LAPUT
11	ARNOLD SANCOVER
18	LOUIE MORALES
25	MSGR. ROMMEL KINTANA
FEB 01	PEDOT NEMENZO
08	AL BUENSALIDO
15	BOY URGELLO
22	VIC MANALAC
29	LOUIE MORALES
MAR 07	MAX MALAGAR
14	ERWIN PADRIGA
21	LEO GUTIERREZ
28	MAR CATU
APR 04	FIDEL KWAN
11	HENRY YU
18	(BLACK SATURDAY)
25	ED BANAAG
MAY 02	DEXTER YAPCHINGCO
09	ROMY MOTOL
16	MIKE MUNARRIZ
23	ED CANLAS
30	LITO URGINO
JUN 06	INOCENTES YAP
13	JOE CORONA
20	MILO MONTESCLAROS
27	JESS & NENA PARAS
JUL 4J	OEL CAHATOL
11	TOMAS ALONSO
18	DANNY KHO
25	NINO FAJARDO
AUG 01	MIKE JOSEPH
06	BING & BONG PELAEZ
13	BILL DIXON
22	FR. FRANK TUCKER
29	DARRYL SADAYA
SEPT 05	FANNIE ESCARA
12	CRIS GASTON
19	SERGE TAN
25	REMY BUALOT
OCT 03	ADI MIEL
10	MANNY BANIGAN
17	JAIME GALLEG0
24	ED SOMENA
31	JEFF VILLA
NOV 07	BOY GONZAGA
14	FRANCIS ITURRALDE
21	CESAR LAMBO
28	JIMMY MANINANG
DEC 05	DITO DELA CERNA
12	TERRY SAVAGE
19	SADI SAGUISAG
26	(CHRISTMAS BREAK)

CAGAYAN DE ORO HAPPENINGS

New Breakfast Schedules

Cagayan de Oro. Men's Breakfasts are held every Saturday at Paolo's Ristorante in Cagayan de Oro City. Ladies' Breakfasts continue every second and fourth Saturdays at Paolo's Ristorante.

Joint breakfasts are on every third Saturday at the Silver Court Restaurant of the Deluxe Hotel, Capt. Vicente Roa St.

Iligan City Outreach. A new breakfast for BCBP men has been opened in Iligan City with breakfasts being held every second and fourth Friday mornings at the Sunburst Restaurant. Their BCBP joint breakfast is on every fourth Friday of the month at the same venue.

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Wednesdays.

Brothers and sisters from BCBP CDO welcome their new brothers and sisters during the formal launching of the Iligan breakfast on March 13.



BCBP NOW IN ILIGAN CITY

On February 5 brothers from Iligan City gathered for a breakfast orientation, experiencing for the first time the fellowship and sharing that is unique to the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals. Another breakfast followed on February 19.

The Iligan outreach was formally launched March 13 at the first joint breakfast held at the Crystal Inn with a large group of brothers and sisters from Cagayan de Oro supporting the new outreach. CDO Outreach head Ed and wife Lita Canlas shared during the affair and CDO brothers and sisters welcomed their new brothers and

sisters in Iligan with several joyful songs. After the breakfast the group held a fellowship at one of the more popular natural springs/falls resorts called Timuga Falls.

After several meetings with the core group of businessmen and professionals of Iligan and with the guidance of BCBP elders from BCBP Cebu and CDO, the Iligan outreach decided to schedule their first Christian Life Program on May 1 to May 30. Their theme verse was chosen from 2 Cor. 4:5: "For we do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for the sake of Jesus."

TODAY WE TALKED

by Ted Heatherton

Today we talked.

I said, "I'm confused." You asked about my devotions.

I said, "I get angry." You quoted a verse.

I said, "I hurt." You said, "Believe."

I said, "I'm depressed." You said, "Rejoice."

You said I could call. I said I would try.

You said you would pray. I suppressed my doubts.

You said things would get better. I wondered, *When?*

And as we parted, you waved with a smile.

Today we talked. Neither of us listened.

And though we talked, there was a silence.

Nobody said, "I care."

Today we talked.

I said, "I'm confused." You asked, "About what?"

I said, "I get angry." You asked, "When?"

I said, "I hurt." You asked, "Why?"

I said, "I'm depressed." You said, "I care."

You said you would call. I said, "Please, do!"

You said you would pray. I knew you would.

You said things will get better. I tried to believe.

You said there is hope, and you wrapped it in a hug.

Today we talked. You listened for both of us.

And as we talked, there was a third Voice.

He said, "I care" with your lips.

BACOLOD BYLINE

BCBP BACOLOD

Membership Composition

CLP Graduates - 374

Active Members - 336

Married Couples - 110

Single-Married Males - 10

Single-Married Females - 14

Single Males - 59

Single Females - 33

Organization Update

The BCBP Bacolod chapter's governance team is headed by chapter head Ray and Ludy Garcia. Mission director is Digoy Montalvo. The chapter's treasurer is Monet Kilayko with Mitch Villarosa heading the Men's Breakfast team. The Ladies Breakfast team is handled by the unit leaders' wives in rotation. Edny Alarcon handles the music ministry.

Chief servant and unit leader is Bodie/Nadie del Castillo; unit leader and teaching head is Art/Lucille Legarde. Other unit leaders are Louie/Sonia Ledesma, Nene/Lyn Gam-

boa, and Butch/Nela Ebreo.

The chapter has a strong core of trained action group leaders: Toti/Carmen Diaz, Jimmy/Susan Bangero, Boy/Yvonne Gustilo, Digoy Montalvo, Mitch/Glo Villarosa, Tutay/Marissa Corral, Paul/Ating Jochico, Mike/Emily Ledesma, Jess/Amor Ramos, Rudy/Lil Trespicio, Chit/Vian Serra, Lin Eusebio, Mio/Terry Montero, Boy/Nelly Ereneta, Ed/Ditay Pama, Gassy/Karina Jugo, Roding/Aging Salazar, Ed/Baby Benares, Cris/Nita Gaston, Edgar/Marilou Castillo, Ed/Amanda Taruc, Eric/Grace Lim, and Florita Lim.

DATELINE DAGUPAN

8 Couples Finish CLP 6

Eight couples became new members of BCBP Dagupan during CLP 6's commitment night on April 2. They signed their commitment cards after the celebration of Holy Mass by Fr. Deny of St. Therese Parish.

In the literary-musical program that followed the sumptuous dinner, the new members presented a skit entitled, "The Prodigal Son, Our Version." Several new brothers and sisters shared about how the CLP had touched their lives. The evening ended with everyone joining the singing of "Father Make Us One."



Msgr. Bitanga Challenges Dagupan Ladies

Vennie B. Miranda, Dagupan Chapter

The BCBP ladies had a special treat at their April 17 ladies' luncheon at Pinky's Restaurant. Not only were we all inspired by the sharing of our sister Lily Yuchongtian, but we were challenged by the message on discipleship and ministry given us by Msgr. Leon V. Bitanga.

Msgr. Bitanga quoted Jesus' invitation to His disciples "Come and I will make you fishers of men" and described how the disciples left every-

thing behind and followed Jesus, without hesitation. Then he threw provocative questions at us: How about you? Are you ready to listen to God's call? How many times have you received God's call but were hesitant to answer? We did not have a ready answer.

Speaking about ministry, he said that ministry is synonymous to service. As disciples of Christ we must be ready and willing to serve. He again challenged us, this time to go and change the world.

Msgr. Bitanga ended his remarks with the quotation: I am not afraid of the future, I have seen yesterday and I love today.

As our sister Lily Yuchongtian shared her life with us, we all appreciated her gratitude to God for all the miracles He had worked in her life from childhood to the present time

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CLP 16 participants share about themselves during one of the group discussions.

ALABANG NEWSBREAK

On The Right Track

M.V. Lopez, Alabang Chapter

A feeling of *deja vu* came over me as we drove through the familiar blue gates of the Ateneo. I haven't gone back to the university since grad (I was batch '92) nor have I been active in the Youth Formation in that span of time. In the beginning, the Crossroads Retreat felt a little strange. I would be listening not to a lecturing professor but to the teacher of all teachers--God.

Amidst the usual banterings between the Ateneans (Go Blue Eagles!) and the La Sallites, God's love touched each one of us in a different way. The old members, most of them part of the service team (mga ST daw o!), were more fired up than ever before. For them, as well as for myself, it was a recommitment to the BCBP covenant vows and a strengthening of commitment, faith and love for God.

Listening to their sharings, I could almost see peace of mind written on their faces. It is also comforting to know that sinful as we are, God's love and guidance remains constant. This assurance is all the more needed especially by those who have just graduated or are graduating from college and are asking the question, "What next?"

For the Youth Formation a.k.a. Pro-active Loving Servants (PALS), the Crossroads Retreat did not merely show us the right track. We've made new friends, learned how to worship and pray and be committed to Christ. But more work is to be done if we are to be the supportive and loving community God meant us to be. For it is in a community that faith, hope and charity are made fully alive.

Msgr. Bitanga

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both for her and for her family. She and her husband Nelson consider the turning point in their life when they joined the BCBP. Now she leaves everything in His loving hands especially during critical situations. "This way I find that my problems, worries and



Alabang brothers and sisters enjoy serving the Lord.

Sports Mark Family Day

A fun-filled weekend of sports competition between the four units in Alabang marked their family day celebration last May 30 at the Southridge gym at the Alabang Hills.

Sponsored by the unit of Bill and Dindy Gamboa, the intercolor affair included such games as the tug-of-war, the slot machine, a three-legged relay for mothers and daughters, the 3-pt shots and the modified going-to-the-market relay. The games were so designed to involve children, youth and adults.

Individual and group prizes were given including cash incentives for the winning units. The event opened with a mass and sportsmanship oath-taking to signify the brotherly competition.

cares are instantly solved. These are really everyday miracles," she said.

Indeed, we Dagupan ladies left our April luncheon inspired and challenged to put our faith into action, to listen for and answer God's call and to follow what He wants us to do. With the Blessed Virgin as our model, how can we do less?

Coke CLP 2 Nets 28

The Alabang BEP (Business Evangelization Program) - sponsored Coke CLP #2 graduated 28 men and women at the commitment night held last May 1, 1993 at the Coke Sta. Rosa Plant.

The CBC (Christian Brothers in Coke) has now a core group of 58 middle and senior managers and some of their wives. They have regular action group meetings and assemblies and will be given culture talks and a BCMR week end.

The graduates were Mike Aclan, Domingo Almazan, Romeo Asia, Jess Bangsil, Federico Borja, Hemi Defante, Ruben Ducut, Jr., Carlos Guerrero, Virgilio Jimeno, Ben de Leon, Mariano Limjap, Francis Macrohon, Virgilio Olivares, Carlos Palatino, Manuel Remulla, Julito Ronquillo, Leonardo Santos, Jorge Sevilla, Boy Toledo, and Ricardo Vergara, Jr.

Seven women graduated the course: Leticia Borja, Vicenta Defante, Priscila Guerrero, Feyme de Leon, Sofia Limjap, Elizabeth Paunlagui, and Mariel Remulla.

BCBP BREAKFAST VENUES

MEN'S BREAKFASTS

Wednesdays	MAKATI : Beverly Hills Deli, Greenbelt DAGUPAN : Pinkee's Restaurant (1st, 3rd Wed. only)
Thursdays	GREENHILLS : Club Filipino, Greenhills ILIGAN: Sunburst Restaurant (2nd, 4th Fridays only)
Fridays	Nonesuch Restaurant, Malate, Manila RFM: RFM Bldg., Pioneer St., Mandaluyong
Saturdays	ALABANG : Ayala-Alabang Country Club BACOLOD : Roli's Drive-in Restaurant CAGAYAN DE ORO: Paolo's Ristorante CAINTA-MARIKINA: Shakey's Sta. Lucia East Commercial Marcos Highway, Cainta CEBU : Fernando's Sunburst Restaurant ILOILO : Amigo Terraces Hotel LAS PINAS: Italia Club 500, Vista Grande, B.F. Resort, Las Pinas QUEZON CITY : Aberdeen Court Restaurant, 1403 Quezon Ave., Q.C. PALAWAN : Kamayan Restaurant TAGBILARAN : JJ Seafood House (2nd, 4th Sat. only)

6:15 FELLOWSHIP

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

1st	
Wednesdays	MAKATI : Josephine's Greenbelt
Saturdays	LAS PINAS: Italia Club 500, Vista Grande, B.F. Resort, Las Pinas
3rd Saturdays	CAGAYAN DE ORO: Silver Court Restaurant, c/o Deluxe Hotel

LADIES' BREAKFASTS

2nd Wednesdays	MAKATI : Nandau Restaurant, Greenbelt
2nd Saturdays	ALABANG : Ayala-Alabang Country Club BACOLOD : Cozy Nook Restaurant CAGAYAN DE ORO: Paolo's Ristorante (2nd, 4th Saturdays) Aberdeen Court Restaurant, 1403 Quezon Ave., Q.C. Las Pinas: Italia Club 500, Vista Grande, B.F. Resort, Las Pinas
3rd Saturdays	CEBU : Fernando's Sunburst Restaurant
Last Saturdays	ILOILO : Amigo Terraces Hotel

LADIES' LUNCHEONS

3rd Mondays	GREENHILLS : Makati Skyline, Greenhills Shopping Center
3rd Saturdays	DAGUPAN : Pinkee's Restaurant

GREENHILLS BULLETIN

New Series Offered

The Greenhills chapter will conduct a special teaching for the second semester in line with the Basic Teaching Track. Entitled Christian Personal Relations Series, the course will target members who have completed the BCMR and is designed to ensure the progress of each member's spiritual development within the marital relationship and with other people, too.

Topics for the course are: Christian Personal Relations Today, Outdo One Another in Showing Honor, Speech and Wrongdoing, Accepting Correction, Working on Conflicts in Relationships, Relations Outside the BCBP.

Ladies Luncheon Anniversary

The Greenhills chapter ladies celebrated their luncheon anniversary on May 17 at the Makati Skyline in Greenhills with a joint dinner. Couple sharers were Manolet and Carla Siojo.

First BCMR for 1993

The chapter's first Brotherhood Christian Marriage Retreat for the year 1993 was held on May 21, 22 and 23 at the Manresa Retreat House in Banawe, Q.C. 22 couples from Greenhills chapter's CLPs 16, 17 and 18 attended.

Team leader was Nandy and Lut de Castro who were ably assisted by Punch and Rose Mamonluk and Nap and Oly de los Santos.

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In the house
Of Mr. & Mrs. Spouse
He and she
Would watch TV,
And never a word
Between them was spoken
Until the day
The set was broken.
Then, "How do you do?"
Said He to She.
"I don't believe we've met.
Spouse is my name.
What's yours?" he asked.
"Why, mine's the same!"
Said She to He.
"Do you suppose we could be...?"
But the set came suddenly right about
And they never did find out.

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QUEZON CITY NEWS BRIEFS

Roy Calleja New Chapter Head Other Appointments Announced

Quezon City chapter mission director Roy Calleja officially assumed the position of chapter head for the same chapter last May 7, 1993, after BCBP Pres. Manny Banigan made the announcement during the regular first Friday mass and teaching assembly of the Metro Manila chapters. Also during the same occasion, the appointment of Cenon Sambalido as the new chapter mission director was announced.

In connection with the new appointments, Roy Calleja appointed Ted Velasco as chapter guilds director, Romy Limuaco as chapter life director and Art Dela Cruz as the new outreach service head vice Cenon Sambalido.

CLP 21 course leader Noli and Bong Tiongson will be appointed as new unit leaders to serve three action groups which will be formed from the graduates of CLP 21. The new action groups and their leaders will be announced on June 19, 1993 during commitment ceremonies for the graduates of CLP 21.

Monching and Nanette Kagaoan temporarily take over the action group of Fritz and Virgie Nadela who are now visiting the United States. Also appointed as new action group leaders are Ricky and Maan Aragon who take over the position vacated by Cary and Mappette Urgino who took a leave from service to attend to livelihood concerns.

The L.S.S. team's new action group leader is Oscar and Mila Balaoing vice Gerry and Cecille Tabares who have taken a leave from service. Gerry Tabares is currently in the United States while his wife Cecille who returned from the U.S.A. a couple of months ago has to attend to their livelihood.

Q.C. Hosts RFM CLP

As a result of the corporate evangelization of the Quezon City chapter in the RFM group of companies which was started with a weekly breakfast, the Quezon City chapter is now hosting the first Christian Life Program in the said firm. The CLP started last April 27 with a briefing by Q.C. chapter mission director Cenon Sambalido who is also the course leader.

The CLP is currently being held every Tuesday in much the same way as the regular CLPs conducted in the various chapters of BCBP. The RFM CLP is unique in the sense that while Quezon City is host, it is participated in by the Greenhills and Las Pinas chapters, namely: Juni/Aina Gamboa of Greenhills, Jun/Mina Obra of Las Pinas and Dave/Rowena Inocencio of Quezon City.

Servant couple is Baby/Emil Morales with Ver Sagun, Art Layug and

J-R Lioanag comprising the service team. The music ministry is handled by Jun Capacillo and Benjie Quinto. Venue of the on-going CLP is the RFM main dining room where snacks are served free, compliments of the RFM management.

25 Complete CLP 21

The Quezon City chapter graduated twenty-five persons in Christian Life Program No. 21, which started last February 6, 1993.

The participants had their baptism in the Holy Spirit last April 17, 1993 at the church of Divine Mercy in Sikatuna Village, Q.C. J-R Lioanag gave a short talk before the baptism proper. The occasion was highlighted with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist officiated by Fr. Clem Ignacio, SJ who gave a special blessing to the participants right after the mass.

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And how do you set your priorities?

Q.C. NEWS BRIEFS

Chapter Anniversary

At the instance of former Q.C. chapter head Benjie Quinto the chapter's regular monthly assembly was turned into a fellowship- dance in order to celebrate the chapter's anniversary. Held last April 16 at the residence of Cenen Sambalido, the members fellowshiped with more than the usual snacks, games, dance lessons and more dancing. Benjie Quinto delivered the opening remarks. Lally Dela Cruz emceed the program.

25 Complete CLP 21 ...

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The program was completed last May first. The participants are currently taking up the culture talk series which runs from May 8 to June 12. On June 19 the participants will make their formal commitment to serve the Lord through the BCBP thus also formalizing their membership in the Brotherhood.

Of the twenty-five who completed CLP 21, seven come from the government sector while the rest are from the private sector. Two participants, Tony Medina and Jasmin Saguindan, are engaged to be married with their wedding scheduled in December this year. Tony who works at Philippine Journalists, Inc., is the son of Fred and Ditas Medina who served in CLP 21 as discussion group leaders. Jasmin works with BPI Family Bank.

CLP 21 had for its course leader Noli and Bong Tiongson, with Pete/Del Ignacio as assistant course leader. Discussion group leaders were: Alex/Lulu Brillantes, Louie/Susan Ferrer, Pancho/Nette Jamlig and Oscar/Helen Ongkiko. Assistant discussion group leaders were: Rocel/Meng Cahilig, Gerry/Lolet Ocampo, Rolly/Tina Odina and Cesar/Agnes Teng. Servant couple were Jojo/Weng Odina. Felix/Julie Desierto, Bong/Alma Figueras, Cookey/Miles Tendencia, Leny Mortel and Felix Obusan comprised the service team.

QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

F. de Larrazabal

Brothers or Cousins

Q. I nearly had a fist fight with a cousin who has recently been converted into a born-again Christian. The cause was an argument about Mother Mary having other children. He quoted Mark 6:3-4, to prove his point. I did not know how to answer. Can you please clarify?

Tony

Dear Tony,

The Catholic Church is the true and authentic interpreter of the bible, and she affirms that this passage does not imply that Mary had other children. The perpetual virginity of Mary is a teaching of Catholic faith. The source of this truth is Christian tradition.

Now, let us see how the Church interprets this passage. The word "brethren" had a very wide use in the Old Testament. In Hebrew, the word "ah" covers masculine relatives of varying degrees: brothers, half-brothers, cousins, brothers-in-law, nephews and uncles. The Greek Septuagint uses "adelphos" to render all these shades of meanings. "Adelphos" is used in this text.

We read Genesis 29:15, where Laban says to Jacob, "Because you are my brother, should you therefore serve me for naught?" Jacob is not his blood brother, but his nephew.

A similar instance is that of Abraham, who calls Lot his brother, when in fact he is Lot's uncle.

To me, one of the greatest circumstantial proof that Jesus did not have brothers and sisters lies in the endorsement of his mother to the apostle John, "Woman, there is your son." It is logical to conclude that if Jesus had brothers or sisters, they would have been with their mother at the foot of the cross; and Jesus would have had no need or reason to endorse his mother to someone else other than his own blood brothers. Mary would certainly have preferred to go with her

Welcome Q.C. CLP 21

Alcon, Danny/Chy
Astillero, Albert
Brito, Pem/Belle
Canta, Ed/Audrey
De Jesus, Conrad
Estrellado, Ben/Gidget
Guanlao, Efren/Annie
Guerrero, Rusty/Maricor
Ignacio, Noel/Ruthie
Medina, Tony
Mendoza, Rey/Sherly
Saguindan, Jasmin
Salazar, Tony
Ticzon, Troy/Liza
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Questions and Answers

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own children, if she had any other. I am passing on to you an advice that I got from my dad, which is to avoid arguments that deal with politics or religion, especially if one or both parties are inclined to become emotional or hot-tempered.

Liberals vs. Conservatives

Q. I have been reading the Kapatiran, which my parents bring home. I find your Questions and Answers corner very enlightening. I hope you can help me. My parents are very over-protective and somehow this curtails the development of my talents. I am graduating next year from college. What should I do?

Mercy

Dear Mercy,

To be able to constructively answer your question, I would need to have more details of how your parents are curtailing the development of your talents.

But let me reply to you what generally happens in cases that arise between youth's liberalism and parental conservatism. The youth, by their very nature, are liberal, while adults are conservative, as a general rule, and tend to look at things differently.

The ideal situation would be a blend of both. The parents should consider the goals and ambitions of their children, while the youth should take cognizance of and avail of the maturity and experience of their parents.

I would like to further add an opinion. I wish to point out that parents have gone through the same situations their children are presently going through. The experience they have acquired, plus the love they have for them, makes them cautious, wishing to prevent their children from making the same mistakes they may have committed. They wish to spare their children the hardships and heartaches which they may have suffered. Remember, you may someday become a parent and you would most likely be as protective as your folks are with you. Your children will most likely have the same complaints about you, as you presently have against your parents. This is life's circle.

About your situation, I suggest that you ask your parents for a serious dialogue and present your case. I also suggest that you pray and ask the Lord for guidance. Always remember, your parents have your best interest at heart.

The best way for a man to train up a child in the way he should go is to travel that way himself.

Author Unknown



National Treasurer of the BCBP Bobby Lavina explains the BCBP's financial situation during the May 7 general assembly.

BCBP Sponsors LNP Young Adults' Concert

The Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals will sponsor the Ang Ligaya ng Panginoon (LNP) Young Adult's presentation of the youth concert "Here We Go Again" on June 18, 1993, a Friday, at 7:30 p.m. at the Meralco Theater in Ortigas Avenue, Pasig, Metro Manila.

"Here We Go Again" is a unique story wherein one day in the school paper of a certain high school appeared an unusual ad from someone offering to meet anyone wanting to talk in room 77, an obscure storage room. The students go to room 77 and make a surprising discovery. The musical focuses on three of them and each one encounters the voice and loving personality of Jesus Christ.

BCBP members are encouraged to see this musical with their families and friends.

Psalms for People Who Hurt

Psalm 6
Psalm 18
Psalm 22

Psalm 25
Psalm 31
Psalm 34

Psalm 42
Psalm 57
Psalm 69

Psalm 86
Psalm 103
Psalm 116

Psalm 121
Psalm 143
Psalm 145

THE VOICE OF GOD IN THE LITURGY

**NOT
BY BREAD
ALONE, BUT BY
EVERY WORD
THAT COMES
FROM THE
MOUTH
OF GOD.**

MATTHEW 4:4

I remember the first time I served as a lector in our parish church. The entrance procession seemed more solemn, the lights spotlighting the altar area glowed more brightly than usual. It was as if my senses had become sharper and more perceptive to the presence of God, an almost palpable Holiness Who surrounded the altar with His love. As if He was telling me that truly He was there: in the priest, in the Eucharist, in His Word, in each one participating in the Mass, whether as a server or as a member of the congregation.

At that moment I realized the great truth of the words of Vatican II's Constitution on Sacred Liturgy, art. no. 10: "The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows." My experience of God became a sacramental experience; not merely a contemplative experience. I felt the real person of Christ in his glorified Body, the Eucharist, and in the other signs and actions during the Mass.

We have just completed the Lenten and Easter seasons in the liturgical calendar, ending with Pentecost last May 30. The mystery of Christ is

recalled and unfolds during these liturgical seasons as we faithful respond to the Word read and explained during the Mass and to the Holy Spirit working within us.

It is in the liturgy of the Word proclaimed during the Mass that the voice of God speaks to us and stirs our hearts with the power to act. The Word of God unceasingly calls to mind the plan of salvation, always expressing the Father's love that never fails in its effectiveness toward us. As we listen God's Word truly becomes a living, active word (Hebrews 4:12).

In celebrating the liturgy, the Church faithfully echoes the Amen that Christ, the mediator between God and humanity, uttered once for all as He shed his blood to seal God's new covenant in the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 1:20-22).

As we listen to the voice of God, He awaits our response, to worship Him in Spirit and in truth (John 4:23). It is the Holy Spirit Who makes our response effective leading us to become "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22).



Our participation in the liturgy thus increases to the degree that as we listen to the Word of God spoken in the liturgy we strive harder to commit our-

selves to bringing this celebration into all we do in life. This puts the responsibility on us, not on the priest, or on the Church organization or structure. It becomes our responsibility as we listen to the gospel proclaimed to hear what God is telling us, to believe that this truly is the voice of God, and to put into practice what He wants us to do.

We have received the grace of hearing when we were sacramentally baptized and confirmed and when we were renewed in the Spirit in the CLP's Baptism in the Spirit. Jesus Himself tells us that we must also be the bearers of the Word in the Church and in the world (Acts 1:8) at least by the witness of our way of life.

And this is where the power of the Holy Spirit comes into play. It is the Holy Spirit Who knows the mind of God (1 Cor. 2:10), it is this same Spirit Who teaches us everything (John 14:26). The working of the Holy Spirit precedes, accompanies, and brings to completion the whole celebration of the liturgy. And the Spirit also brings home to each one of us individually and as members of the Body of Christ the particular message that God speaks to us in the liturgy of that day.

There is a song that we learned during our training to be lectors and commentators, the song "Alert, Alive, Awake, Enthusiastic". Not only is this an action song to keep us awake during the lectures, it also emphasizes the basic qualities we need in order to hear and benefit by the voice of God proclaimed in the liturgy.

We must be ALERT to the Word itself, to the presence of God himself, to the significance of the celebration of the Mass, to the teachings of the Church.

We must be ALIVE in the way we show our love for Him. Jesus will only be alive in us if we are alive in Him.

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BELIEVE AND BECOME

One Minute Meditations by F. de Larrazabal

(1)

"Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe." (John 20:27)

Thomas was the only apostle who doubted and did not believe that Jesus had risen from the grave. He demanded to see and to touch before he would accept the Lord's resurrection. Many of us are like Thomas, who try to intellectualize, always seeking proof, always doubting, never having enough faith to believe.

Jesus is not asking us to understand the many mysteries of our faith but, rather, to believe simply because he says so. A classic example of man's need of proof is the recent pilgrimage to Agoo. A million persons went to see the signs and wonders. To some, the coloration of the spinning sun was more important than the supposed messages. In the gospel of John 4:48, Jesus replies to a request from a royal official, "Unless you people see signs and wonders you do not believe." Our entire Catholic faith is based on faith in the word of God and in what the church teaches.

(2)

"I assure you, unless you change and become like little children, you will not enter the kingdom of God." (Matthew 18:2)

Jesus replies to his disciples who inquire from him, "Who is of greater importance in the kingdom of God?" Jesus notices a tinge of pride and ambition in their query. He immediately gives a warning, which is as valid today as it was when he first uttered it. We are living in a world where pride and all of its consequences are in abundance. Pride and ambition can entrap us into believing we are better than the rest. We have to be constantly on the alert, lest we fall into this trap.

Over-zealous ambitions may cause us to step on others to reach our goals. Jealousy and envy of those who are better off or more talented than we are can cause enmity, even among friends. Pride can eat into one's guts and destroy our Christian perspective of life. Jesus, who was humility personified, warns us that unless we become like little children, we will not enter his kingdom.

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How can we be alive? We are alive when we are the opposite of: "dead", without love, cold, dull, insensitive, insecure. We are alive when we are loving, warm, joyous, sensitive, and secure in our trust of God.

We must be AWAKE to the reality of the call to discipleship, awake to the needs of people around us, awake and aware of false prophets who try to distort God's message.

We must be ENTHUSIASTIC as we witness for Him. For who is going to believe us if as we proclaim joy, love and peace, our faces and our actions show us to be sad, angry and fearful people?

In a favorite passage of mine from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 55, verses 10 and 11, God speaks: "...so shall my

word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." As we listen to the voice of God in the liturgy, shall we be part of the "void" or part of the "achieved end"?

Nancy R. Catan

"THE FORCE AND
POWER IN THE WORD
OF GOD IS SO GREAT
THAT IT REMAINS THE
SUPPORT AND
ENERGY OF THE
CHURCH."

(ON DIVINE REVELATION, 21)

I Was Overhauled by God

How has the BCBP changed my life? For me, this question should be reworded thus: how has the BCBP and God overhauled my life?

Every nut and bolt in my system had been eaten by rust due to long exposure to sin. But the Lord in His patience and love slowly, inch by inch, cleaned my rusted, sinful life and reassembled the pieces together to function and conform to His ways in complete harmony with how our Lord Jesus Christ wants me to live and run my life and so be pleasing to Him.

Romy Maraya
Cebu Chapter

Face To Face With Jesus

My attendance at the CLP (Greenhills, 1990) brought to life many truths that had lain passive in my heart. For instance to my shock and dismay, the team leader was one person who was on my list of not-so-well-liked personalities in the office. I went through several talks feeling ambivalent until Mang Ipe (Mendoza) gave a provoking talk about loving your neighbor that complete dispelled my doubts. I used to pray to God about changing people and events around me but this talk taught me humility, love for difficult people and to leave the rest to God.

Then the BCMR gave me the shock of my life: as a modern-day Christian wife, I am supposed to submit to my husband in everything! My husband loves the kitchen, cooking and experimenting in culinary concoctions. Me, I would rather clean the car on weekends. We have modified our roles now - we both like to cook and the househelp takes care of cleaning the car. The power of the Holy Spirit has now become the driving force in sustaining our relationship with one another.

The BCBP and Me

Some reflections by
BCBP members on how the
Lord through the BCBP
has changed their lives.

I am glad that the Lord has called me to this community of believers. To me the BCBP is a community that is:

- a battlefield to regain lost territory for the Lord,
- a shield whose Christ-centered culture and values protects our families from worldly ways,
- a haven of joy where worship and praise for the Lord has new meaning, and
- a following whose shepherd is Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Joy M. Villaluz
Greenhills Chapter

The Power of Healing

Before the BCBP I never did believe in the power of healing by faith. Basically I thought that this was done only by fundamentalists and other non-Catholic groups. I had such great faith in medicines that I had forgotten that God is the number one doctor and prayer is the best medicine.

Twice during my CLP 8 and the culture talks that followed I had to bring my son to the hospital because of high fever and convulsions. He was found to be allergic to 60-70% of the food a normal child eats. Treatment was going to be long and expensive.

Remembering BCBP teachings and sharings I sought out some BCBP brothers and sisters asking their prayers. They came to our house and prayed over me, my child and the rest of the family. In just a few weeks time, my son was eating all the food to which he was allergic to. He is completely well, praise God!

With the Brotherhood, my faith is now in place and being nurtured daily like the mustard seed. I still believe in medicine but now my faith in God's healing power and the power of prayer is much greater than before.

Rolly Villa
Cebu Chapter

From Zero To Abundance

Before we joined the BCBP, our spiritual life was almost zero. We began and ended each day without realizing God's presence in our lives.

In the BCBP we have beautiful changes in our lives. We are closer as
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Growing

The events and occurrences haven't changed much, but how great life in Christ has become. What used to be personal accomplishments and achievements have become God's blessings. What used to be obligations have become opportunities to serve, and what used to be heartaches and trials have become occasions to be like Christ.

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