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ONLY WHEN THE LAST TREE  
HAS DIED

& THE LAST RIVER  
HAS BEEN POISONED



& THE LAST FISH HAS BEEN CAUGHT



WILL WE

REALIZE THAT

WE CANNOT EAT MONEY



# Editor's Note...

You may notice some changes in the KAPATIRAN Magazine beginning with this issue. We are responding to some of your suggestions to make the format cleaner in style and more relevant in textual quality.

The "Business Speaks" section contains six business-oriented sharings from BCBP brothers and sisters that tackle some critical issues of the Christian in business. We look forward to expanding this section in the future and welcome all your business/profession-oriented sharings on how you have translated Christian values into your marketplace.

In keeping with the emphasis on business and finance in this issue, our cover pictures the activity in the frantic shuffling of stocks, commodities and currencies in the stock and money markets. Our Back to Basics article helps us put all this money-mindedness into perspective with a discussion on the stewardship aspect of our money.

Then, we have thrown in some interesting views and features that can challenge us as well as keep us up-to-date. And, last but not the least, there are some news updates and an article on our BCBP culture.

We do hope and pray that you like these changes. Keep your suggestions and articles and sharings coming in. We really appreciate hearing from you. God bless. - Nancy R. Catan

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
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The eternal stars shine out as soon as it is dark enough. -Carlyle

 Letters to the Editor

**More basic  
BCBP info, please**

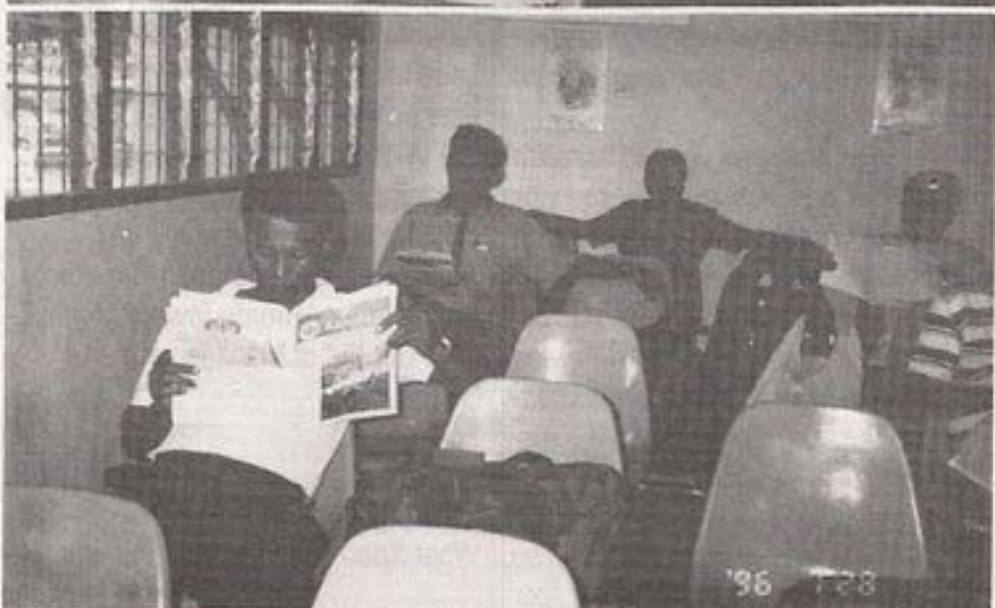
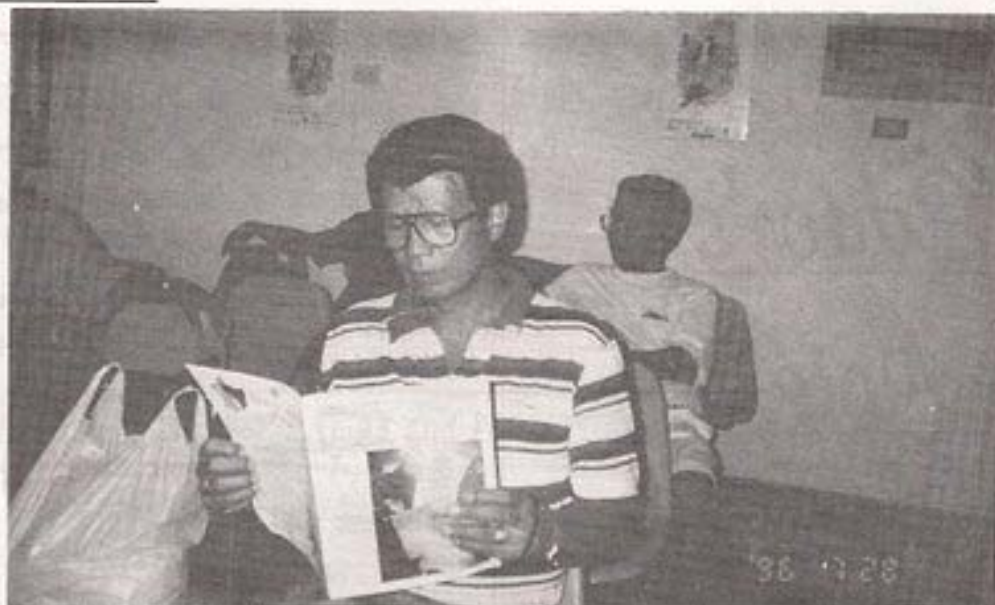
I'm a member of the expanded governance team of the Las Pinas Chapter. The team met on July 27 and 28 to identify and formulate core values relevant and necessary in carrying out the evangelizing effort of the chapter in the marketplace.

Several matters and concerns were discussed and dissected, but one that occupied lengthily our interest was, Who is a BCBP member and What is expected of him. The distribution of the KAPATIRAN copies of the July-August issue during the governance confab was timely and useful. More than once did we refer to the feature, Criteria for Membership, on page 13 as an authoritative material for our discussions.

We request similar basic information on the BCBP to be featured regularly in the KAPATIRAN.

Thanks.

*Lex Veridiano  
Las Piñas Chapter*



*Tagbilaran passengers read the Kapatiran while waiting for their Manila flight to be called.*

**Thanks  
for timely AGM feature**

I got my copy of the KAPATIRAN (July-August issue), my second copy since I became a BCBP member, during our Action Group Meeting on July 26, 1996 last. The timing cannot be more God-inspired. Being a new member in the Las Pinas Chapter, I didn't know much how I should conduct myself in an Action Group Meeting.

Thanks for coming out with the short feature, "How to be a good action group member", in the latest issue. Our action group had ready and authoritative materials for discussing something very relevant. I am learning the right tips and re-

ceiving the proper cues on how to participate in an Action Group Meeting. I feel I am starting to adjust to the Action Group and am able now to pray, sing, meditate, read Scriptures, discuss and interact together with the other members. In fact, it is by following such hints on "how to be a good action group member" that the promise of Christ, "If two or three of you are gathered in my

name, I will be in their midst", is realized and fulfilled.

Similar articles will surely make readers, like me, eagerly wait for their copy of the KAPATIRAN and read it from cover to cover.

More power to you!

*Mary Claire Ibarra  
Las Piñas Chapter*

**Make Whatever  
a difference it takes**

"Live your life so that your children can tell their children that you not only stood for something wonderful — you acted on it." *Dan Zadra*

"The real friend of his country is the person who believes in excellence, seeks for it, fights for it, defends it, and tries to produce it." *Morley Callaghan*

*Animals are such agreeable friends; they ask no questions, pass no criticisms. -George Eliot*

# PLAYING GOD

I am disturbed by several items that appeared in the news recently, one in the Philippine Star as a news report, the other in Asiaweek as an editorial.

The news report — "Thousands of embryos set to be destroyed" — stated that 6,000 frozen embryos, belonging to 1,500 donors, had been left unclaimed in a London embryo storage facility and were scheduled for "destruction" by thawing.

The Vatican's newspaper condemned the destruction of the embryos calling it a "pre-natal massacre not only tolerated but programmed and ordered by ... civil legislatures." Ruth Deech, head of the Human and Fertilization Embryology Authority, replied that there could be no question of not obeying the law fully debated and passed by their Parliament.

The Asiaweek editorial (Aug. 2, 1996) dealt with euthanasia, its historical and cultural roots and the recent decision of the Northern Territory in Australia to allow doctors to help terminally ill patients kill themselves. Advocates of euthanasia say they only wish to make legal what is already practiced. Those protesting the decision say that legalizing the practice opens a virtual Pandora's box of abuse by the unscrupulous.

The editorial is subtitled "Euthanasia is no answer to the pains of mortality." It asks us to consider "also who might take the most advantage of state-assisted suicide. Probably the poor, the minorities and the disenfranchised — those with the least control of their lives.

They will find it easy to choose death, because life has held so little for



them. What can be said of a community that neglects some of its members from the day they are born, and then, when they lose all hope, readily helps them end it all?"

But what disturbs me most of all about these two articles is that while they intellectually and emotionally discuss life and death, they conveniently forget the main issue: that God is the Creator of life and He considers the life that He has created sacred to Him.

It disturbs me that people seem to be forgetting the sanctity of life in their quest for personal satisfaction and self-ish supremacy.

It disturbs me that some children no longer cherish their parents and elders

or take time to learn and keep alive family traditions; instead we see the elderly side-lined from society's mainstream, placed in "homes" where they are left to die without loving family support. In some places the sick and/or old are "helped" to die.

It disturbs me that couples would think of putting their newly conceived baby "on ice" until such time that they are ready to accept that child into their family, and if that time never seemed to come, to conveniently forget to claim the two-day old embryo. It really disturbs me that any couple would agree to artificial fertilization, to try to pre-empt God so to speak. Aren't there enough orphans and unloved babies in this world to satisfy those who would like children?

Man does not have the right to create test-tube babies in the first place; in the second place he definitely does not have the right to terminate any human life whether two days old or ninety years old. Since when do we consider ourselves wiser than God, deciding to create life, then putting this life on ice, and then arrogating unto ourselves the time of death?

We condemn people like Hitler for trying to create a pure race of people, for playing God over the lives of the Jews and others who got in his way. But shouldn't we condemn also ourselves for trying to play God with the sanctity of life?

We must ask ourselves to what extent should man's ability in scientific pursuits, particularly in the medical sciences, progress in creating life, in preserving life, in extending life, in ending life? To what extent should man be allowed to play God? -Nancy R. Catan

*Work is the yeast that raises the dough.*

Most of you, I am sure, have experienced the excitement and exhaustion of business travel. It is always exciting to get away from Metro Manila even for a while, even though how near or how far. You get to see a different kind of scenery, meet and befriend new people, observe different and better practices of business, of politics, or of lifestyle. You compare and you learn; and hopefully, you share what you are and what you know.

But it can be exhausting too, since each day is almost always a different routine. And you are almost never in control of your own time, because you have appointments to keep, meetings to attend, and to top it all, maybe you even have a list of pasalubongs to buy.

I myself just spent the past week and a half, literally zipping through time and space, constantly in motion. Nevertheless I was able to spend some moments with my Lord, even in short prayers of appreciation and thanks. I would look at the other passengers in the train, and I would try to experience God in my midst. I thanked Him for a safe voyage; I thanked Him for this rare opportunity to visit other countries; I knew He was taking good care of the family that I left at home.

And I felt protected. I was safe from the usual fornication and drunkenness that had often marked my previous business travels. Even my hotel rooms were free from the pornographic materials that pass through cable TV in most hotels nowadays. And God gave me some time to sit quietly in my room to listen to His word in scripture and in thought. And it was during one of those moments when Jesus said to me, "Who do you say I am?"

**"I knew  
I could see God  
in these people,  
but could they see  
God in me?  
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that there is  
a living God?"**

## *In the marketplace* Eddie Mendoza Greenhills Chapter

# Business Class



One simple question, six monosyllabic words, and it changed my entire perspective and reason for business travel.

It is easy to see God in His creation, especially in a beautiful land such as Japan, or up in the air watching the sun setting on the horizon. It is easy to see God in the honesty of the people with whom we were dealing and their hospitality.

But Jesus said, "And you, Eddie, who do you say I am?"

I knew I could see God in these people, but could they see God in me? Would non-believers know from me that there is a living God? Would they know that I have the peace and joy of Jesus Christ?

Indeed, the question that haunts me is how does a Christian businessman, who is traveling on business, meet his commitment to know, to love, and to serve God? What ought he be doing in order to pass on to those whom he meets that Jesus is His Lord and master?

Just the other day, I was asked whether there were any occasions at work when I had to stand up for Jesus, and fight the good fight of faith — so to speak. It took me a while, but I admitted that I felt no need to fight, and that I was blessed with a work environment that was more or less free from the obviously evil ways of the world. I now realize that perhaps it is because I have the BCBP to lean on, because I have a weekly meeting with brothers and sisters in faith, that I feel safe and that maybe I don't feel the urgency to share the good news with anyone else any more.

Am I in heaven, or am I simply blind? Is there really no need for me to save anyone? And so, God sends me to a strange, distant land, and Jesus asks, "You, Eddie, who do you say I am?" as if reminding me that the proclamation of the good news is without end, that there are millions that have not heard that Jesus has come not to condemn but to save. And I don't have to go abroad to do that.

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*The first rule of holes: when you're in one, stop digging. -Ivins*

*A Second Opinion*

Robert L. Gopez  
Parañaque Chapter

# PROFIT and LOVE

## *A look at Corporate Culture and the Christian Community*

**T**he BCBP Evangelization Statement, as formulated during the 1995 National Strategic Planning Retreat, is "to create disciples of Christ in business and the professions who live out Christian values and practices to bring about transformation of the marketplace."

The operative phrase "transformation of the marketplace" offers the premise that the "marketplace" (that is, the business environment) is not compatible with the true essence of Christianity and is therefore in need of "reforms."

Before any supposedly defective system can be improved however, one should first determine what exactly is wrong with it.

The business environment in modern society is defined by a system of values and structures that make up what we might call the "corporate culture."

Corporate culture sets the standard by which the effectiveness of businessmen and professionals is measured. It also serves as the basis for determining which businesses would prosper — and which would fail.

Corporate culture as we know it today may be likened to Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution through Natural Selection, which has as its basic premise the concept of "survival of the fittest." This may explain the current corporate obsession with ISO 9000 quality standards, the rigid screening and selection processes for new-hires and candidates for promotion, and the cut-throat competition with company rivals.

The Christian community, on the other hand, is more concerned with less temporal matters such as fellowship, communal worship, and evangelization.

In the Christian community, success is not measured in terms of profitability or market leadership. Cut-throat competition is an alien term and there is no such thing as the "bottom line."

In the corporation, every effort is made to weed out the weak in order to preserve the momentum of corporate growth. In the Christian community, on the other hand, every effort is made to save the weak in order to preserve the unity of the brotherhood.

The corporate culture is characterized by elegance and complexity. The Christian community is content with simplicity and functionality. Corporate culture places a premium on form as exemplified by the eloquence of a speech. The Christian community emphasizes substance as exemplified by the sincerity of the speech's message.

In summary, the primary motivation of the corporation is profit, whereas the Christian community is founded on love.

There is nothing objectionable however, about the concept of profit in business. Even our Lord Jesus Christ himself, in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30), encourages us to maximize the use of whatever talents we have in order to gain much more, while warning us of the folly of sitting indolently by and wasting our God-given talents.

## Profit and Love: how compatible are they?

What we merely have to guard against is the misprioritization of the desire for profit and advancement as the key driving force in our lives, as well as the dangers of resorting to morally unacceptable means in pursuing these goals.

As BCBP members, our primary mission is to evangelize the marketplace. This evangelization will open up the hearts of businessmen to discover that there can be profit with social conscience, just as there can be progress with responsibility. And most importantly, it shall demonstrate that corporate profit and Christian charity can go hand-in-hand, just as long as God is at the center of our lives as shown in the way we deal with our superiors, subordinates, clients and competitors.

As we take the offense in this crusade, we should not neglect our defenses lest we suddenly wake up to discover that instead of having imparted Christian ideals and practices to the marketplace, we would instead end up adopting the worldly values and structures of the corporate culture.

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*Prejudice is being down on what we are not up on.*

# A NEW KIND OF COLONIALISM

Asia is suffering a new kind of colonialism. We are undergoing a new kind of conquest. There is no violence, no bloodshed, no external force, no brutality. We have just invited the conquerors into our homes. It is not a conquest of territory. It is a conquest of the spirit.

When you want to conquer the spirit of a people, the best way to do it is to take away their culture, and substitute your own. Take away their dreams, and substitute your own.

That is what the media of the United States of America is doing to the people of Asia. We are being conquered, quietly, by radio, by television, by press, by film, by music, by theater.

The United States is the biggest exporter of media in all the world, and the smallest importer. 95 percent of all the media in Asia is from the United States, while in the media of America only 2 percent comes from countries which are foreign to them. And this includes England. It is conquest of the mind...conquest of the heart...conquest of the Spirit.

*Dr. Patricia Edgar, Director of Children's Television in Australia.*

# Beyond the meaning of Brotherhood

During a Lenten recollection, I found a different meaning to the word "Brotherhood", a meaning that was beyond the pages of the dictionary. In my mind's eye I saw the word ... BROTH ... the substance of life. The BROTH of life is Jesus Christ.

As BCBP members we have to bring the BROTH to OTHER Christians, especially those in the marketplace. And we are devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Messiah. With HER great love for her son and for us, she intercedes so that we will be covered with the HOOD of God. As the hood protects a man from the elements so does the HOOD of God cover and protect us from evil.

Behold then ... the BROTH of life for us is to share with OTHER Christians, the BROTH Who came through HER, the Mother of God, so that we will return to God, the Father, and be once more covered with His HOOD that signifies that the Holy Spirit is in each one of us, created in the image of God.

This now is the meaning of BROTHERHOOD for me.

*Rex Resurreccion,  
BCBP Makati Chapter*

## PROFIT AND LOVE... from page 5

Applying the standards of a corporate culture to the BCBP could start off rather innocently, taking the form of criticisms that our leaders may not be "dynamic" enough, that our chapter assemblies are "boring," that our action group meetings lack "inspiration," or even that our fellow members' sharings are not "exciting" enough.

These could later degenerate into openly calling for the ouster or replacement of leaders who do not meet our (corporate) standards, forming our own "rebel" groups to undermine these leaders, or even breaking away from the BCBP itself!

In a talk delivered during the second anniversary of the BCBP Paranaque Chapter last July 6, Smokey Mountain Parish Priest Fr. Ben Beltran issued a call to "Hold on to what binds us together. Do not make mountains out of molehills. We are the pilgrim people of God — traveling in hope and never arriving in despair."

The BCBP culture, which Fr. Ben Beltran describes as "the set of meanings and values that form the BCBP way of life," is waiting to be shared.

It is about time that we regain the initiative against the world of materialism and redouble our evangelization efforts. The millions of people who comprise the "marketplace" are anxiously awaiting the message of God's word (although some of them may not know it yet), and it is up to us to do our share in bringing them the Good News.#

## BUSINESS CLASS.. from page 4

And how about you, brothers? Who do you say Jesus is? Or have we all been lulled to complacency, have we been taking the call of Jesus for granted. Remember, He commanded all of us to "Go into the whole world, and proclaim the good news to all creation."

And so I pray and I claim, brothers and sisters, that God will send to you today one person, perhaps a supplier, perhaps a potential client, your banker, your stockbroker, your dealer, your boss, your golf caddy, or your driver. And then, as you meet this person, Jesus will whisper in your ear, "Go ahead, tell him that it is I who love him."#

# Mothers and Education

Raise your children close to the image of the true God — the God who cannot be bribed, the God who is not avaricious, the God who is the father of all, who is not partial, the God who does not fatten on the blood of the poor, who does not rejoice at the complaints of the afflicted, and does not obfuscate the intelligent mind. Awaken and prepare the mind of the child for every good and desirable idea — love for honor, sincere, and firm character, clear mind, clean conduct, noble ac-

tion, love for one's fellow men, respect for God — teach this to your children. And because life is full of sorrows and perils, fortify their character against any difficulty, strengthen their hearts against any danger. The country should not expect honor and prosperity so long as the education of the child is defective, so long as the women who raise the children are enslaved and ignorant.

Message to the Women of Malolos, *Epistolario Rizalino*, II, No. 233 by Jose Rizal.

*Laughter is the brush that sweeps away the cobwebs of the heart. -Mort Walker*





*Albert Uy enjoys a light moment between flights with security personnel at the Tagbilaran airport.*

**Y**ou are greeted as soon as you enter the airport terminal by the continuous playing over the loud-speaker system of such cheerful and inspiring songs as "Celebrate Jesus, celebrate" and "God will make a way". The walls in the waiting lounge are adorned with the bible verses: Matt. 21:22, Heb. 4:12, Psalm 91:2, and Phil. 4:6. Reading materials available while waiting include the Bible in English, Tagalog and Cebuano, copies of the Didache, Daily Companion, Kerygma Magazine and the KAPATIRAN. Near the simple altar is a rack with novenas to the Divine Mercy and the Holy Face of Jesus.

## *Have you been in a predeparture area like this one?*

### *Readers Survey*

*What do you feel is the most critical factor in practicing your BCBP commitment in your business or profession?*

Being always righteous and just in my business dealings. As a bank manager there are also times when compromises have to be considered when negotiating business transactions. Another factor is maintaining a good relationship with my subordinates, peers and clients alike. Despite all these, I try to remain faithful to my prayer life. **Wilma Gomez, Cagayan de Oro Chapter**

The most critical factor in practicing my BCBP commitment in my profession is the very nature of my work. As a sales manager with an area of coverage for supervision, I travel quite a lot. In doing so I find it hard to fulfill some of my commitments such as Scripture time and visiting the Blessed Sacrament. There are also times when we have visitors to entertain and other office-related activities that conflict with BCBP assemblies and activities. During these instances I find it hard to ask

for permission to absent myself from the office activities as my office mates only remember that I used to enjoy going with them during my pre-BCBP days. **Vlody A. Gabe, Cagayan de Oro**

For me, the most important factor to enable me to continue practicing my Christian commitment in the business world is to have the grace and ability to forgive "seventy times seven." In the rat race of the business world, we meet our so-called brothers and sisters in Christ who use and abuse our efforts to live the Christian way of life and to live up to our commitments as BCBP members, invoking the name of the Brotherhood, all to their self-interest. But I have learned to forgive because of God's grace. I have also learned that there is so much more to living than dwelling in our hurts and losing our mundane treasure. **Lita Jolly, Cagayan de Oro**

Does this sound like an utopian situation or the predeparture area for heaven? Yes. But it does exist. This is a description of the PAL terminal in Tagbilaran, Bohol.

Who is responsible for this transformation of the usual drab passengers waiting lounge or predeparture area into a pleasant and soul-lifting place? None other than Albert Uy, the domestic sales agent of PAL Tagbilaran, and the chapter life director of the Tagbilaran chapter of the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals.

AI has also instituted the holding of First Friday masses at 5:00 p.m. in the predeparture area. Plus all employees gather together every morning for a short prayer before work.

"As a BCBP member," AI says, "we must live out the BCBP vision in our own marketplace. This is only what I am trying to do. And I have found that in the process of bringing Christ into my workplace, I can help make the passengers' experience in our terminal a time to look forward to."

If the smiles of the employees and the positive response of the travelers is any indication, then Albert Uy has indeed succeeded in his mission. *-Nancy R. Catan*

*Apology is only egotism wrong side out. -Holmes*

# All from God, all for God

*Jess Manalo, Makati Chapter*

**M**y professional life did not start smooth and easy. After passing the Bar in 1981, I was full of hope to immediately succeed professionally and materially. I was the typical young man in a hurry. Very impatient wanting to get things done right away. The situation at that time was not really ideal, for Marcos was in his decline and a few years thereafter, Aquino was assassinated. What a time to start a law practice!

But adversity and difficulty had their own purpose. Failure was the one thing I feared most so I had to turn to God to save me from such a disaster. He encouraged me with the words in Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord thy God, on your intelligence rely not, be mindful of Him in all that you do and He will straighten your path." And that path led me to the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals, the path of serving others in evangelization work.

Well do I remember the struggles when I had no possessions, no money, no cases, no clients. It was during this time that a talk by Fr. Schneider on "walking your talk" helped me focus on the Lord. I needed to maintain the integrity required of a Christian. With this mindset, I realized that the number one deterrent to corruption is hard work! I learned to trust in God and do my best. This discipline worked even in big cases where I was faced with more experienced lawyers and stressful situations; the more I prayed, the stronger was my resolve to "walk my talk", to win cases the right way.

As I was busy serving the Lord in the BCBP, the Lord gave me some

significant victories. I also had my share of disheartening cases that made me feel that lawyering was a hopeless profession for it does not always bring justice, especially in cases involving the poor and the oppressed. Hence in our firm, we consider it a policy to take up a cause regardless of the client's status in society, for we are certain that the Lord looks down from heaven to correct an injustice.

One natural consequence of success through hard work is, of course, recognition and appreciation from people. There was an instance that after winning a big case in the Supreme Court I was



heartily applauded by my clients to honor me for the work I had accomplished. But I knew who deserved all the praise because as I worked hard for the case, I also prayed very hard. I am certain that the Spirit of the Lord was at work in the final resolution of the case for it was an instance of David versus Goliath. I prayed to the Lord not to let the real issues

*Being a Christian lawyer is never easy. Jess Manalo, a prominent Makati lawyer, shares with us some of his "ups" and "downs" as a David in the legal marketplace of Goliaths.*

*Jess, as a member of the Makati chapter of the BCBP, has served in many capacities, including a 3-year stint as Makati chapter head. He is now getting back into active service little by little after his "sick leave".*

be hidden and muddled by the tons of pleadings filed to make the case complicated. The opening line of the SC decision spoke of this exactly. The Lord gave us the victory, we slew our first Goliath!

After receiving our fees my partner and I decided to buy our office space so we would no longer be subject to the constant threat of increase in rental and overhead. The Lord led us to our place in the marketplace debt-free.

When our law firm began very simply in 1983 I personally offered it to the Lord and claimed His promise in Matt. 6:33. So we have prospered not only materially but have become the instrument to bring others to the Lord. Our lawyers, the staff together with their families are now serving God in either the BCBP, Lingkod or the Ligaya ng Panginoon.

The mission we have is not just to win cases but to win the hearts and minds of others for God. Through our work and fair dealings, we manage to bring a different light and hope to people, proving to many that there are still men and women that can be trusted and relied upon professionally.

In 1994 at the height of my golf addiction, a friend of mine brought along with him an American engineer who, though I did not know it at the time, was quietly looking at the Philippines as a possible site to put up a telecommunication manufacturing company. His choice was either China or the Philippines. This was never discussed on the golf course. But after the game, he asked me

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*Nobody raises his own reputation by lowering others.*

# THE RACE FOR SUCCESS

There was a time after we were married when our marriage relationship became a gladiator's arena with each of us trying to outdo the other. Our constant arguments developed into a sort of professional jealousy. I wanted to be better than Weng who was already pursuing her masteral studies and had been promoted to a managerial position. She, in turn, began to expect me to be more "successful" than I was.

I was no longer contented and became restless in my work, transferring from one company to another, to another and still another. It seemed that as Weng got closer to her career goal, I only got farther away from mine.

I could not accept that my wife was taking the lead in our race and was earning more than I was. I was envious of her. Even my childhood prayers could no longer bring me to a winning position in our battle.

At the point where I had already exhausted all my strength, God began to work to rebuild my life. We were invited to attend the Brotherhood Christian Life Program #15. After completing the program we went into active service in the BCBP — in the music ministry, as BCLP course leader, as an action group leader. As we served Him, He showed us how to rebuild our marriage and professional relationship step by step.

Soon after Weng and I first met, she gave me a picture of a cat and God embracing each other, with the caption "It's because we're so different from each other that we have so much to share." Only after I knew God better did I understand my wife's wisdom in this. I had always looked at her as a competitor but God led me to realize that she is a partner and a helpmate, that we are a pastoral team.

With God's grace, I have learned to accept my wife's success as a gift from God not only to her but also to me. We each have our own individual calling because God has given us individual talents. We only have to concentrate on our own calling, supporting each other by sharing our different gifts from God.

God in his goodness taught me to accept my wife in faith. I don't have a monopoly of God's spirit. The Holy Spirit is also working in her life, although differently than He is in mine. Therefore, I should listen to her as if God is speaking to me...and vice versa. In this way, we are able to attain oneness and unity.

God has continued to bless both of us in our respective careers by giving us good-paying jobs to provide for the material needs of our growing family. Weng, in addition to her job, now finds the time, joy and fulfillment in taking care of our four children, being a "homemaker" and not just a boarder.

As our relationship with God improved, so too did our relationship with each other. I learned that there is no "ready-made" husband, neither are there "RTW" wives. There are also no "RTW" marriages, or "RTW" careers. But with God, all things are possible once we get our priorities in life straight. #

## SUCCESS

*Jojo Odina, Quezon City Chapter*

What happens when both husband and wife compete in the race for career success? What happens when one's wife becomes more successful in terms of earning capacity? This is an account of how one Christian businessman solved this problem.



*"The real measure of our wealth is how much we'd be worth of we lost all our money." -J.H. Jowett*

**If you had your life to live over again — you'd need more money. -Construction Digest**

*"If a man's religion does not affect his use of money, that man's religion is vain." -Hugh Martin*

*"Before borrowing money from a friend, decide which you need more." -Addison H. Hallock*

*Money will buy  
a bed but not sleep;  
books but not brains;  
food but not appetite;  
finery but not beauty;  
a house but not a home;  
medicine but not health;  
luxuries but not culture;  
amusements but not happiness;  
religion but not salvation;  
a passport to everywhere but heaven.  
- The Voice in the Wilderness*

**"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."  
-1 Tim. 6:10**

*Architecture is frozen music. -Goethe*

# “Give up P15,000 a month!?!”



*Bobby Cabrera, Cagayan de Oro Chapter*

**G**ive up P15,000 income a month!”  
When I announced this decision to my farm manager and bookkeeper, they were really surprised since we relied on that income from our store and canteen to tide us over during cash flow delays. But I was certain that that was what the Lord wanted me to do so I told them not to worry for the Lord would provide for our needs.

It all started some two years ago when I attended a meeting of Region X’s tripartite wage board for the hearing of a petition by labor for a wage increase. I attended representing the side of management. After hearing the debate from both sides regarding the pros and cons of the issue, the argument that struck me the most was that no matter how much increase in wages would be given, it would still not be enough if there was only one bread winner in the average Filipino family of five. This remained in my thoughts in the days to come.

A week later as I was sitting inside the Cathedral of Malaybalay, Bukidnon, before proceeding to my farm, I could sense the Lord telling me to organize the wives of my farm workers into a cooperative. So that they would have their own income to start with, I was to give over to them our store/canteen which earned not less than P15,000 per month. So I proceeded to the farm and that same day announced my decision and put my trust in the Lord’s providence.

That very same day as soon as I arrived home from the farm, my wife greeted me with the news that the bank had reduced our house amortization by P5,000 a month. And that was only the beginning!

A few days later I received a call from Manila with a proposition to open a business in SM City in Cebu. Although this fell through, it opened our eyes to other Cebu-based businesses and we did eventually start two business concerns in that city.

Now two years later as I recall that momentous day sitting in the Cathedral, I can not help but wonder at how glorious and rewarding it is to follow God’s leadings in my life.#

# We will finish your building!

*Emil A. Sison, Davao Outreach*

**A** few years ago my wife Vivian and I had a very close friend who was the Mother Superior of the Carmelite convent in Mati, Davao Oriental. Her name was Mother Susan. She was born in Canada but she spent most of her adult life at the Carmelite convent here in Davao City.

Anyway, two years ago, she got sick with cancer and we would often visit her at the convent or at the hospital. As time went by, she became more gravely ill and would often mention her apprehension for the convento building in Mati which she would not be able to finish. She would mention it often enough for me to get the message that she wanted us and some of her closest friends to assure her that we would continue to help her community even when she was gone.

In one of those visits (there were four of us in the room, Vivian and I, Mother Susan and Mother Mary, her assistant who would soon take her place) out of pity for her suffering and pains, I wanted to tell her something that would make her happy, anything. But a joke would be out of timing and out of place.

In desperation, I suddenly blurted out to her, “Don’t worry, Mother, we promise you we will finish your building after you go!” And from that time on, she never mentioned that topic again except to thank us for our promise.

We buried Mother Susan four days after she died in the garden facing the unfinished convento. Having realized this, I said to myself, “Mother is really going to make sure that she will see what will happen to her unfinished building even from her grave.”

But my problem was that when I had made that promise to her, I did not have the money for that kind of project. I kept on praying to God that I did not give my promise to Mother Susan out of pride or just to brag, because I had nothing to brag about. I believed that if the Lord had inspired me to say what I had said, then, I was sure He would do something about it.

I kept on asking Him, “Lord, help me to help them.” When the architect was almost done with the plans, God made His move.

You see, I have a piece of property near the Ma-a diversion road which, if I could sell it for 35 pesos per square meter, the proceeds would be just enough for what we would need for our project. Within the month, an agent for a buyer called me up and told me that they were buying properties in that area for 35 pesos per sq.m., the exact amount we needed for the convento.

But the Lord had still more in store for us. Out of curiosity, I went to the area and asked around. And I found out that they had already bought all the properties surrounding my lot. As I realized the situation of my property, I thanked the Lord for my jackpot. In short, I was able to sell my property for 100 pesos per sq.m. and now the convento in Mati is almost finished.

With the Lord’s help, we were able to keep our promise!

*Asking for a raise is easy. Proving you’re worth it is the hard part.*

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**Karina shares with us what happened when their family business had a serious setback and her husband had to look for another job.**

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**L**ast year the family aqua culture project where my husband worked as one of its operations managers suffered huge losses due to natural calamities and disease. We had encountered a similar situation in the mid-80's but this one was far more serious and required drastic measures — cutting down on people. My husband was one of them.

Surprisingly, such move was not met with the resistance, pain, anger, frustration and hatred that it had been during the mid-80's crisis. This time it was accepted with concern, caring and the oft-heard question "What can I do to help?"

Why the difference? Way back in 1989 our Dad had joined the first BCLP in Bacolod. Very soon the rest of the entire biological and corporate family followed, with managers, administrative and maintenance personnel, down to our kitchen staff coming to know Christ personally either through the BCBP or the Couples/Singles for Christ. Having a personal relationship with Jesus through our respective renewal groups helped us have faith that even in difficult circumstances such as this one, God always has a better plan for us.

It became clear to my husband and me that God wished us to sever the umbilical cord which has, through the years, allowed us much security and comfort, but has, on the other hand, stifled the realization of our individual potentials.

Options were offered us by the family corporation, however we neither had the resources nor the guts to spin off on such options. Then came an offer — a job that required my husband to periodically receive custom-released imports of bangus fry and facilitate their allocation, distribution and delivery. His employment would officially begin on his first trip to Manila to receive such merchandise.

Schedules for this first trip were arranged, postponed and canceled during the next three weeks. During this time he was actually on forced leave from his other position with the family corporation and had been informed that beginning the 25th of May, he would be cut off the payroll.

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### Guidelines for husbands and wives

## Building Financial Harmony

Never try to work through money problems while angry.

Always try to understand your spouse in money fights.

Read about what other people have tried.

Take time to discuss and thoroughly understand your income, insurance plans, investments, and assets as a couple.

Set aside a monthly amount of personal spending money for each of you.

Let the books be open.



# THE LORD NEVER DELAYS

*Karina Jugo, Bacolod Chapter*

Then he received a plane ticket for his first trip to Manila. Four hours prior to his departure he was informed of a probable change of schedule due to flight delay which would no longer allow him to meet the shipment at customs. Ten minutes later we were informed the flight would leave as scheduled at 8:30 p.m.

When my husband arrived at the airport at 7:00 p.m., the flight had been moved to 10:15 p.m. But his new head office decided to go through with his trip so my husband could accompany the delivery to Pangasinan, its destination.

At 11:00 p.m. the plane finally left. Only then I realized that since a Bacolod-Manila flight takes an hour, my husband would arrive in Manila at exactly 12:00 midnight on May 25 to begin his new assignment on the very same day, right down to the minute, that he would get cut off from his old job. Poor passengers on that flight! The Lord had allowed all that to happen just to convince me of little faith that He knows our needs much more than we do, and He never delays.#

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what my view of business prospects in this country were. I talked about the good business climate but dealt more with the reawakening of the Filipinos toward excellence and shared with him my view in life, quoting the graduation message of 1981, "Never exchange your vision for mere expediency, for you will become a mere auctioneer ready to go to the highest bidder." And that was that!

Several months later, he returned and asked me to help him find investors for the P150M business venture. I really did not understand the technicalities of the plan, so I lifted the project to the Lord and asked for His help in finding investors. In mid 1995 both the founders and the investors came to an agreement. What was unique was that I was the common lawyer for both parties! Only with God could this happen!

Finally however, burn out, stress, anxiety and hypertension came blazing together attacking my well being. I was put to the test healthwise. Hypertension attacks brought about distress beyond measure for nothing of this sort had ever before happened to me (I had always been a hyperactive person!). Suddenly I realized that I was a mere mortal, dependent upon the grace of the Lord for my existence.



*"...anxiety is one tool of the devil to destroy one's faith in God."*

I cried loud and louder to the Lord to free me from the fear of sickness and the feeling of losing life. But still fear and anxiety attacks came at unannounced moments like a thief in the night. It was then that I learned that I should not pressure the Lord into making me well nor be anxious about how quickly I could recover. The Lord had his own timing for all this. I also learned as I was struggling with my sickness that anxiety is one tool of the devil to destroy one's faith in God.

Reading Deuteronomy reminded me about how for forty years the Lord had fed his people with manna in the desert and that He had made a covenant with the people who worship Him to be their God. I, too, had been richly provided for in the last forty years, so there was no reason for me to complain. He just wanted me to slow down a little bit, to learn how to depend on others, to treasure the value of intercessory prayer, and to be with Him more frequently in prayer.

In the marketplace, hundreds of Davids have already been chosen by God to lead His army in the fight against injustice, poverty, greed and all forms of evil. We, too, have our personal missions for the Lord, to be the agents of change in bringing about a better world for our children. We cannot hide under the nearest table. We must answer the challenge as did David: "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." (1 Sam. 17:32)

St. Paul in his letter to the Romans, chapter 12, tells us how: "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to know God's will — what is pleasing, what is good and what is perfect."

Brothers and sisters, are you one of these Davids?#

*Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right. -Henry Ford*

# Is beauty more than skin deep?

Some expert opinions on what makes a person beautiful

**Indonesian photographer Tara Sosrowardoyo:** Character is the key. Someone who does not have it will appear lacking in life — just beautiful and that's all. The importance of personality comes out strongest in a Muslim woman. She is not supposed to make any movement that could invite passionate feelings. So, if she is really pretty and smart, it will be reflected in her personality.



**Singapore style consultant Jill Lowe:** True beauty comes from inner confidence, reflected in one's overall self-image. Western faces are more three-dimensional and tend to come more alive. Asians have to work a little more to create the 3-D effect that brings excitement.

**Filipino feminist Rina Jimenez-David:** It all comes from an awareness of who you are.

**Chinese female fashion designer Zhun Fan:** A woman's beauty wells up from inside. It's a matter of excellence, temperament, responsibility and deep feelings.



**St. Peter in his first letter, 1 Peter 3:3-4:** Wives, your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of



your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

"It's a necessary evil! ... Why is it I never have enough money? ... All I need is just a little bit more ... I'm asked to give to this charity, to that program, to the parish building fund — give, give, give! Pretty soon I won't have any more to give!"

Christians today have developed a largely negative attitude toward money, perhaps resulting from being barraged with requests for donations for charitable purposes, to give again and again to the church building fund, to support needy students, missionaries, seminarians, etc., etc., etc. "Where does it all end?" is the frequently heard cry.

### A guide to financial planning

The source of goals and objectives in financial planning can be found in the Bible. Sixteen out of thirty-eight of Christ's parables deal with money; more is said in the New Testament about money than Heaven and hell combined; five times more is said about money than prayer; and where there are five hundred-plus verses on both prayer and faith, there are over two thousand verses dealing with money and possessions, according to Pastor John MacArthur.

The most commonly cited parable dealing with stewardship is the Parable of the Talents found in Matthew 25:14-30. It brings out four basic biblical principles of money management that are, in effect, a summary of the biblical teachings on the subject.

### God owns it all

We all know and acknowledge this first principle. What it really means is this: God has the right to whatever He wants whenever He wants it. It is all His, because an owner has rights, and we, as stewards, have only responsibilities. (Matt. 25:14).

When we allow our son to drive the family car, the ownership is still ours, but that son has the responsibility to return the car to us in good condition and, we hope, a full tank of gasoline. In the same way, since God owns it all, we literally possess much but own nothing.

Really believing this frees us to give generously of God's resources for God's purposes and His people.



# Does your checkbook reflect your stewardship?

Christians today have developed a largely negative attitude toward money. How this has come about and what we can do about it are discussed in this Back to Basics article dealing with your money and your life.

### Read your life story in your checkbook

Every spending decision is a spiritual decision. This second principle includes buying a car, taking a vacation, buying food, paying off debt, paying taxes, and so on. I once read that your life story could be written from a checkbook (or credit card statement). It reflects your goals, priorities, relationships and even the use of your time.

Why not review your checkbook? Write down everything you have spent money on and the amount spent. What does this tell you about your priorities? If God audited your checkbook, would He approve of the way you disburse His money?

### A tool, test and testimony

God uses money and material possessions in our earthly life as a tool, a test, and a testimony. Money and possessions are a tool that God uses to help us grow up. God is not trying to frustrate us when He limits our financial resources, He is just trying to get our attention! And, let's admit it, money is the best attention-getter!

Money is not only a tool, but also a test. How faithful are we in handling property that has been entrusted to us by God? (Luke 16:11-12)

How we feel about using our wealth in becoming salt and light (Matt. 5:13-16) is our testimony to the world. This

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*Melancholy is the pleasure of being sad.*

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Christian attitude, characterized by lack of anxiety over economic matters, comes from having an eternal perspective.

**Wealth or poverty?**

The amount is not important as can be seen in the Parable of the Talents. This is the fourth principle. Whatever we have, be it little or much, we should hold with an open hand. What is important to God is how we handle what we have, what He has entrusted us with. We are not more or less Christian by how much or how little we accumulate or give away. God looks at the means of acquisition and the joy we have in using or giving away what we have acquired.

**How many necks do you have?**

Albert Schweitzer was once asked why he had worn the same black necktie, day in and day out, for the last twenty years. Told that some men had dozens of neckties, Schweitzer replied incredulously, "For only one neck?"

Shortly after the EDSA revolution when I was visiting my relatives in the States, someone asked me why Imelda had so many shoes. "How could she wear them all? She only has two feet!"

Christian writer Steve Thurman states that "materialism is not mere possession of material things but obsession with them". He cites four warning signs against this materialistic obsession: crossing the line from managing money to becoming anxious over it; comparing what others have with what you have; focusing on what you don't have rather than being thankful; and, losing the joy in giving.

St. Paul gives us the answer in his letter to the Philippians (4:12-13). His secret is contentment in every situation resting in the assurance that God will provide him the strength to do everything that is needed.

With the Bible as our financial handbook and with the Holy Spirit as our teacher, our money need not become our life, rather our life should be an active working example of stewardship — with stew-

What is  
your  
attitude  
toward  
money?

Answer these questions to assess the strength of your attachment to money and what it means to you.

- + Am I anxious over the getting and spending of money?
- + Do I usually end up comparing what I have with what others have?
- + Do I tend to focus on what I don't have rather than being thankful for what I have?
- + How joyful am I in giving away money (i.e. alms, tips, donations, contributions) to others when asked? (Did you give to that beggar on the street joyfully with a few kindly spoken words, or did you just drop a coin or two and hurry past?)
- + Do I own my wardrobe, or does my wardrobe own me? (Substitute for wardrobe, your car or golf game or collection of antiques.)
- + Do I ever stop to ask, "Is this money going where God wants it to go?"
- + In which category do most of my purchases fall: necessity, convenience, "just because", status, luxury.
- + When was the last time I helped someone — really, truly helped someone — by giving generously in money or kind, not expecting anything in return, perhaps even doing so anonymously?
- + If God owns it all, what am I doing with it?

ardship defined as the use of God-given resources for the accomplishment of God-given goals. # - Nancy Catan

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**Let's Get  
Rid of  
Management**



People don't want to be managed. They want to be led. Whoever heard of a world manager? World leader, yes. Educational leader. Political leader. Scout leader. Community leader. Labor leader. Business leader. They lead. They don't manage. The carrot always wins over the stick. Ask your horse. You can lead your horse to water, but you can't manage him to drink. If you want to manage somebody, manage yourself. Do that well and you'll be ready to stop managing. And start leading.

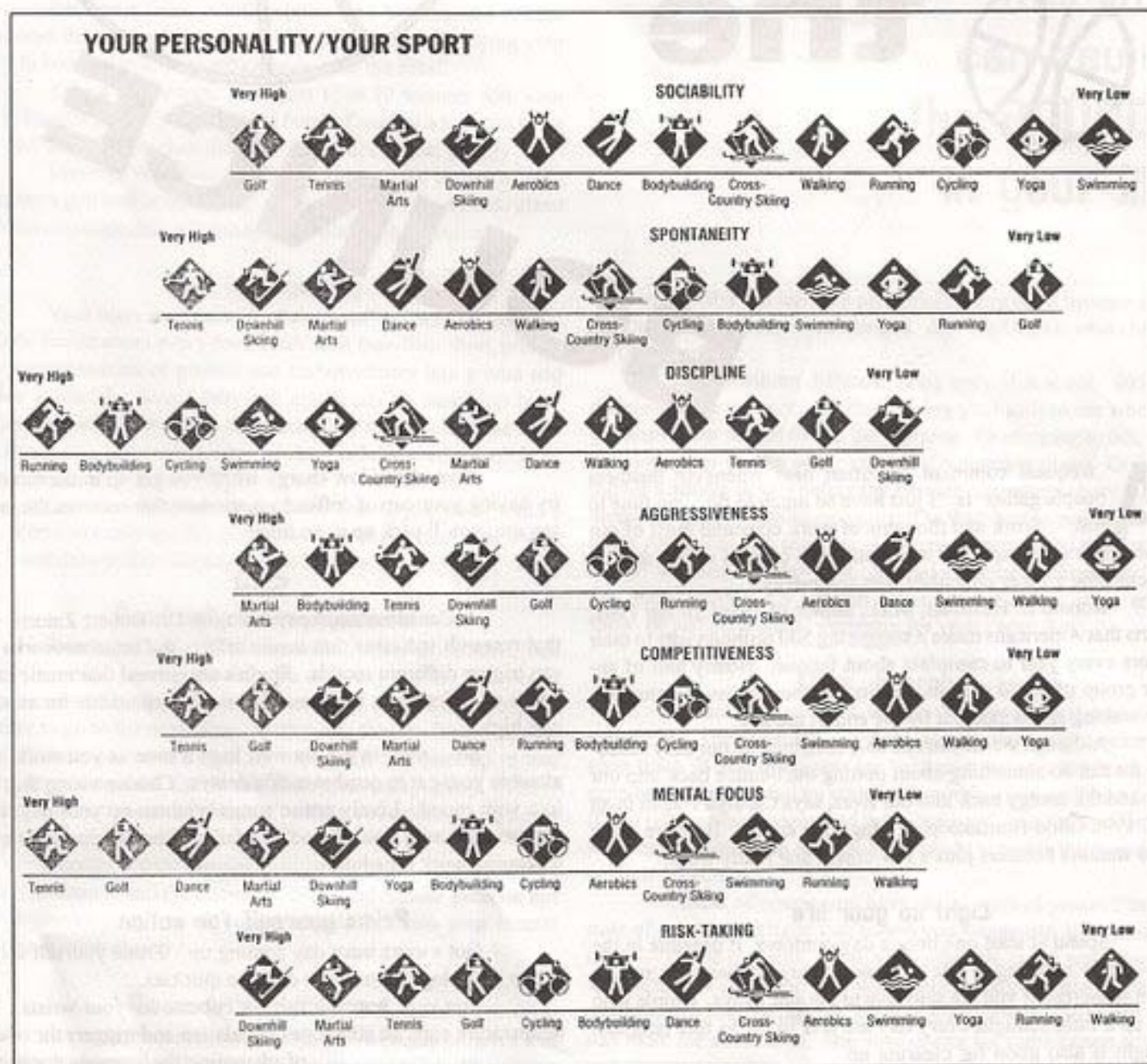
*Wall Street Journal,  
February, 1987*



# WHAT SPORT MATCHES YOUR PERSONALITY?

The toughest part of exercise can be staying with it. One big reason we slack off is that we pick sports that fit our bodies but not necessarily our minds. Since research shows that a good match between your personality and your exercise sharply increases the chances you'll stay with it, finding this match is important to your fitness program.

But how do you know which sport fits you best? Maybe this chart can give you some insights on the sport that will fit your personality.



Source: World Executive Digest/ December 1989

No man was ever so much deceived by another as by himself. -Greville

# Bring back the



# BOUNCE

**A** frequent comment we often hear whenever business people gather is "I just have so much to do ... no time to rest!" Work and thoughts of work consume most of our waking hours, interspersed with numerous cups of coffee and either chewing gum or chocolate bars for energy.

Ronald L. Hoffman, M.D., author of *Tired All the Time*, reports that Americans make a staggering 500 million visits to their doctors every year to complain about fatigue. Nearly half of another group of 3,000 working adults say they're usually sluggish upon waking and wiped out by the end of the day.

Although we may not be able to lighten up our busy schedules, we can do something about putting the bounce back into our steps and the energy back into our lives, says Carolyn Hagan in an April 1996 *Good Housekeeping Magazine* article. Here are some of her stamina boosters plus a few others that really work.

## Light up your life

Spend at least one hour a day outdoors, if possible in the sun — early morning or late afternoon hours are best. Be sure to put on sunscreen if you are sensitive to the sun's rays. People who soak up a little sunlight every day are less likely to feel fatigued. Sunlight is also good for clearing up sinus problems.

*Nancy R. Catan*

If you have low energy when you get up in the morning, try having your cup of coffee by a window that receives the morning sun; you'll perk up in no time!

## Sing!

A Canadian neuropsychologist Dr. Robert Zatorre says that research indicates that music affects the brain networks and can trigger different moods. Studies also reveal that music raises levels of endorphins, the same chemicals responsible for an exercise high.

So ... sing in the shower, hum a tune as you work, sing aloud in your car to combat traffic delays. Choose a song that taps into your mood. Lively praise songs brighten up your day; worship songs assure you of God's unfailing love despite your overwhelming work schedule.

## Prime yourself for action

Got a extra busy day coming up? Prime yourself for the action by trying one or more of these quickies.

Run cold water or rub ice cubes over your wrists. The temperature contrast stimulates circulation and triggers the release of adrenaline, the hormone that primes you for action.

*Politician: a person who is dedicated to the service of others in order to get what he wants.*



**Eat spicy food.** Chili peppers and hot mustard release hormones that up your energy levels, as well as encouraging your body to burn up to 25% more calories after the meal.

**Take a power nap.** Even just 15 to 20 minutes with your eyes closed will give you an added burst of energy when you wake up. But sleep longer than that and you're apt to feel groggy.

**Massage your feet.** While sitting, roll the arches of your feet over a golf ball or tennis ball. This stimulates the adrenal gland to release epinephrine, a hormone that really perks you up.

### Fuel up regularly

Your body is powered by "alertness" brain chemicals that must be fueled about every four hours with nutritious food, preferably a combination of protein and carbohydrates like a tuna and cheese sandwich. Avoid fatty and oily foods because your body has to work extra hard to digest them. Try to include some iron-rich foods, too, since some kinds of chronic fatigue can result from an iron deficiency in your diet.

Consciously remember to drink 8 to 10 glasses of water a day. You can easily get dehydrated even without you being aware of it - and dehydration is one cause of fatigue.

### Hand deliver those memos

Stand up often and walk around. Deliver those interoffice memos yourself — why should your secretary get the benefits of all that exercise? Walk up and down stairs instead of taking the elevator to go to the next floor. With every five- to fifteen-minute burst of exercise, you can get an energy lift that lasts up to two hours, according to a California State University study. Thirty minute workouts have a "rebound" effect, revitalizing you hours later instead of immediately.

Another bonus: regular exercise increases body resistance to viral infections and the common cold. And regular exercise not only improves your overall energy supply but also your mental abilities to think clearly.

### Do something different

Get out of that rut you're in. Carolyn Hagan believes that on weekdays, most people operate on automatic pilot. She cites a Chicago university psychologist who opines that behaving like a



**Energizing activities, exercises, food and thoughts can revive the BOUNCE in your life**

creature of habit can lead to a perennial energy crisis because without change, we fail to feel challenged. And challenge is what charges up the adrenalin.

Do something different today even if it is only taking a different route to work. Or challenging your kids to see who can get dressed for school first in the morning. Or stopping to talk with the newspaper vendor when you get the morning paper. Or pausing for a minute or two before the Blessed Sacrament to say "Good morning, Jesus." Challenge yourself to find time to exercise, challenge yourself to stop smoking. Challenge yourself and your spouse to start that diet and stay on it. Instead of staying at home on Sunday and watching T.V., watch a live theater drama, view an art show, or just go window shopping for your "wish list".

### Think Energy

We are what we think we are. We can be what we believe we can be. These famous words by an unknown philosopher are sooo true! If you think you are tired and say you are tired, you soon become convicted by your own words — you really get tired! If you ignore your fatigue and think "energy", in a little while you will begin to feel more energetic and ready to tackle the next thing on your schedule.

Unless of course you have really worked yourself into a state of persistent fatigue that leaves you staggering around like a robot — if this happens, throw your schedule in the waste basket and do any or all of the following: take a long vacation in some remote place without phones, faxes or mail service. Go to bed and stay there for a few days. See your doctor for some expert advice and vitamin injections. Immerse yourself in a worthwhile hobby. Read a good book — the Holy Bible is always good! #

*Love may make the world go round, but money makes it worth the trip.*

# Second Provincial Council meets: an expanded role for the laity is proposed

*Bong Lodero, Las Piñas Chapter*

The key issues discussed during the recently concluded Second Provincial Council of Manila (held August 1-15, 1996 at the San Carlos Pastoral Formation Complex at EDSA, Guadalupe, Makati) revolved around expanding the role of the laity in the activities and affairs of the Church. The outcome may have a direct effect on the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals' mission, vision and action programs for evangelizing the marketplace.

Among the topics deliberated on were the advisability of establishing new ministries for the exercise of the laity and identifying Church functions and liturgical activities that may be entrusted to the laity.

The Second Provincial Council of Manila, an assembly of bishops, selected priests and representatives of the lay faithful, met for the specific purpose of legislating laws or decrees for the Metropolitan Province to be able to implement the vision and decrees of the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines held in 1992. This was felt necessary since the first Provincial Council of Manila had been held almost 90 years ago on December 8-9, 1907 at the Manila Cathedral.

The meeting of this deliberative body is expected to foster a renewal that is fitting to celebrate the Quadricentennial of the Archdiocese of Manila. It is also an effective way of consolidating the fruits of the

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The role of the laity. Guidelines for laity in politics, business and culture.

The fostering of professional guilds. These are some of the significant issues discussed by the Second Provincial Council. Bong Lodero would like to know why the BCBP, a lay organization of businessmen and professionals, was not invited to contribute and participate in the Council.

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The Council directed its attention to getting the lay faithful more involved in the areas of education, catechesis and the Social Doctrine of the Church, and in youth and family life.

Of special interest to the BCBP, the Council explored various ways by which the temporal activities of the laity can be oriented in a Christian manner, such as fostering professional guilds and lay movements. They also set up guidelines for the involvement of the laity in politics, business and culture.

The next step is the implementation phase that will be conducted after the council resolutions and decrees will have been reviewed by the Holy See.

papal visit and the Tenth World Youth Day held in Manila in January 1995.

The Council is seen as a part of the preparation of the local Church to walk hand-in-hand with the universal Church towards the Third Millennium and the celebration of the Great Jubilee in the year 2000.

Manila, under its Archbishop, Jaime L. Cardinal Sin, is an Ecclesiastical Province, comprising the Archdiocese of Manila, the Dioceses of Malolos, Antipolo, Imus and San Pablo as well as the Apostolic Vicariate of Puerto Princesa. The whole province is known as the Metropolitan See.

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## Provincial Council Participants

a. Those who must be called to the Council and have a right to a deliberative vote, such as, the diocesan bishops, coadjutor bishops, auxiliary bishops and active titular bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province.

b. Those who may be called to the Council and are entitled to a deliberative vote, such as any other bishops residing within the Ecclesiastical Province even if they are retired or have no specific office or task.

c. Those who must be called to the council and are entitled to a consultative vote, such as, vicars general, episcopal vicars, major superiors of Religious Institutes, major superiors of Societies of Apostolic Life, rectors of colleges and theology seminaries, and rectors of ecclesiastical and Catholic universities, deans of faculties of theology and canon law of ecclesiastical and Catholic universities.

d. Those who may be called to the Council and are entitled to a consultative vote, such as, the members from the Cathedral Chapter, Council of Priests and Arch/diocesan Pastoral Council of every Church, some priests, religious and lay faithful, with a number not exceeding the total of the vicars, major superiors, rectors, and deans of the faculties of theology and canon law.

e. Those who may be invited as guests without any right to a deliberative or consultative vote.

A participant with a deliberative vote has the right to be heard during the council discussion and also the right to be counted in the voting. A participant with a consultative vote has the right to be heard during council discussion, but is without the right to be counted in the voting.

*Source: Basic Questions and Answers on the Second Provincial Council of Manila, released by Manila Auxiliary Bishop Crisostomo Yalung.*

# ET recites 'Lord's Prayer'



**A**recibo, Puerto Rico. Astronomers working at a giant radiotelescope here announced they have intercepted and deciphered an eerie message from outer space — and discovered it was an extraterrestrial version of the Lord's Prayer!

The one-minute-long broadcast was repeated regularly for a period of several months earlier this year and appeared to come from the Pleiades, a group of six stars in the constellation of Taurus. It consisted of a complicated mathematical formula which experts decoded

using the super-computers of NASA in Houston.

"The message was first intercepted on June 7 and was repeated every day for 10 weeks," said Dr. Michael Driscione, head of the scientific team that cracked the code. "At first we thought it was radio electrical static, but we soon realized it was a broadcast of some sort, most likely an answer to radio messages we've been beaming to outer space for the last decade.

"When we decoded the transmission, we were stunned. It's exactly like the Lord's Prayer, familiar to Christians around the world, except where we say 'on Earth as it is in Heaven,' they say 'among the People as it is among the Angels.'

"It's astounding — it suggests that God is worshipped everywhere in the universe."

Since the star message was decoded three weeks ago, scientists have been working feverishly to pin down the exact source of the broadcasts. They believe it comes from a planet circling one of the stars in the Pleiades and was probably sent via high-speed radio beams from a sophisticated broadcasting device.

"There's no doubt that the beings who sent this transmission are extremely advanced technologically," said Dr. Driscione. "They have let us know that we are not the only intelligent creatures in the universe.

"But what is even more meaningful is the religious content of the message. 'The extraterrestrials have reached across the vastness of space to show us we are all God's children, the creation of a loving and all-powerful God. It's awe-inspiring!'

*Manila Bulletin, July 15, 1996*

## Prayer And Healing

U.S. polls show that nine out of ten adults pray to God and nearly all who pray believe their prayers are heard and answered.

What may come as a surprise to many is that studies show prayer and faith have a measurable impact, especially on physical healing.

Last year, the Dartmouth Medical School revealed that of 232 patients who had undergone elective heart surgery, the "very religious" were found three times more likely to recover than those who were not.

Previous studies of patients at the San Francisco General Hospital coronary-care unit found that those who were prayed for had fewer cases of congestive heart failure,

less pneumonia, less need for antibiotics and fewer cardiac arrests than those who were not.

National Institute for Health Care Research president David Larsen said there is a 700-page report that documents cases of terminally ill patients suddenly healed without medical intervention.

"In the medical profession, these events are euphemized as 'spontaneous remissions' or left unexplained. Unfortunately, the patients' faith hasn't been part of the research," he said.

*Starweek, July 28, 1996*

*Debate is masculine; conversation is feminine. -Alcott*

an activity of creative praise

# Who is Jesus to you?

God, our Father, is the Creator. Since we are made in His image, He wants us also to be creative in the ways we praise Him. Here is an activity for your action group, children's formation, or family that not only brings out everyone's natural creative ability but also crystallizes a better understanding of who Jesus is and what He means in our life by focusing on the names of Jesus.

Materials needed for every group of five or six members: one pack of colored art paper (assorted colors), two or three colors of marking pens, scissors, paste, one large sheet of Manila paper.

#### Instructions:

1. List down and discuss some of the different names of Jesus that you are familiar with. For example: Way, Rock, Deliverer, Healer, Shepherd. Which names of Jesus mean the most to your group?

2. Using the art materials provided, make a creative poster depicting

ing the names of Jesus that mean the most to your group.

3. When the groups are finished, have a representative from each present the group's art work and share its meaning with everyone. Post the colorful posters around the room for all to enjoy.

4. Close the activity by singing "Praise the Name of Jesus".

*This activity can be easily adapted to different sized groups. It can also be used for seasonal activities (Easter, Christmas, etc.), for clarifying religious themes (Salvation, the Love of God, the Holy Spirit, etc.), as well as for expressing contemporary issues (the Family, Living as a Christian, etc.).*

#### SECOND PROVINCIAL... from page 18

Province known as the Metropolitan See was actually convoked on August 15, 1995, coinciding with the opening of the Quadricentennial celebration of the Archdiocese of Manila. The recent Council meeting August 1-15, 1996 was the second or celebration phase of this convocation following the first or preparatory phase, August 15, 1995 to July 31, 1996 that was devoted to surveys, studies and extensive consultations with various sectors of the faithful.

Practically, every Catholic lay community in the Ecclesiastical Province was invited to contribute and participate in the Council. The BCBP was not one of them. Why???

quiz

## How many rungs?



A captain on a small boat decided to set anchor and go for a swim. He put the ladder over the side of the boat and climbed down all ten rungs, the lowest of which was just above the surface of the water.

His boat was about one hundred meters from shore, so he swam to the beach and sat there for several hours, watching the tide roll in. The tide rose at the rate of 1/2 foot per hour. If the rungs on the ladder were each one foot apart and the captain got back to his boat five hours after he left, how many rungs would he have to climb up to get into the boat? *Answer on page 30*

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*When the wine is in, the wit is out. -English Proverb*

*From Cries to Kisses*

Annie Salvador, Makati Chapter

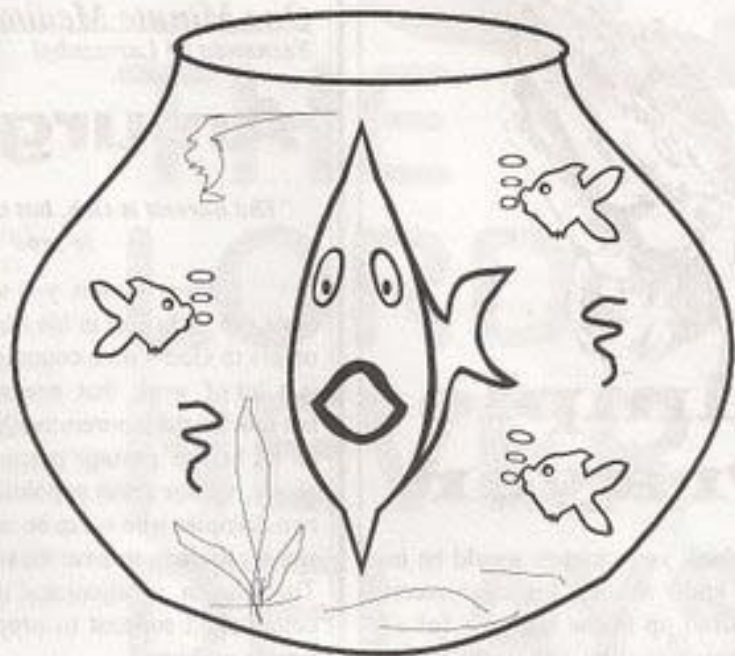
# The family project

I learned somewhere that pets were good for children. Looking after an animal helps a child learn to be responsible and nurturing. I didn't particularly care for furs and feathers that needed to be fed, but I had to be more objective. Visions of children who clean up their own mess (as well as the puppy's) and remember to wash their hands before meals (after feeding the parakeet), took precedence over my disgust for doglick and cathair.

So, there was Donatello, the Myna bird that died on us in less than a week; there was Billy, the goat that cleaned up the empty lot beside us. There was Leonardo, the turtle that disappeared down the laundry drain; there was Iski, the German Shepherd that infested the entire household with ticks. There was a whole procession of store-bought lovebirds, borrowed rabbits and hand-me-down puppies. None lasted; they died of starvation or had to be given away for hygienic purposes. I can't say we didn't try.

Recently there was talk of new pets to have. I stated my requirements: no pee-spots on the floor, no hair on the cushions, no blaming the yayas for forgotten feedings. The kids had simpler needs: as long as it could wriggle and munch, they wanted it. Of course, I had to put my foot down on boa constrictors, and lucky for me, we had no space for an elephant.

By some fluke, the decision was made for us when my brother-in-law's Golden Arawana died. We "inherited" the poor fellow's worldly goods: double fish tanks, stand, pumps, filters, sand, pebbles



and artificial plants. Actually, we really had fish in mind for the children. I sort of like fish; they don't shed, they don't lick, they don't howl, they don't scratch. They just stare and swim around in circles. Fish were harmless. Or so I thought.

We went to Cartimar to buy a trial batch of fish — the simplest, cheapest there were, to minimize our exposure, so to speak. Telling the kids that we simply couldn't afford a Discus (price tag: 7,500) was a lesson in economics. Back home, we were able to teach them about buoyancy (the plastic seabed floor wouldn't sink), conductivity ("The hose has to be inside the aquarium, but the pump has to be outside!") and even anatomy (one goldfish was a DOA). So far, so good — the kids were already learning so much!

Nico was experiencing stimulus complex: he jumped from one task to another, interested in all of them and accomplishing nothing. Tono decided he would build a sand castle out of our precious Boracay sand, right on the living room floor. Anton was stirring the aquarium up, giving our fish their own typhoon Gloring. Marga was right there with him, washing her hands in the water. Mia was hurling everything to the floor, just to see if it was breakable. Nelson and I were learning too, as his every sigh of resignation would meet my wide-eyed look of disbelief.

I had promised myself that we would enjoy this. I was not going to

scream, nor blackmail, nor go insane. There would be no fights, no tears, no threats of bodily injury. We were not going to let the activity — setting up the aquarium — overshadow its purpose, which was to take pleasure in a shared activity.

So I focus on the positive: so what if the fish get dizzy? They'll recover (or if they died, at least they didn't cost a fortune)! What if there's sand in the children's merienda? It's not poisonous (I hope)! And what if the floor smells fishy? We're not expecting any visitors, are we?

It's been a week or so since set-up day. My patience has held up (Thank you, Lord!) and the fish are still alive. The kids are having fun: they are making plans for additional fish and aquarium props; they have taken to giving the fish nicknames. I even catch them making stories about the little things as they sit together and watch them stare and swim around in circles. And yes, they are learning about responsibility and nurturance. They remind each other about whose turn it is to feed the fish, and check if the chore has been done. As I slowly work on the second fish-tank (oh yes, there's another one!), they volunteer to help me.

This is good . . . maybe it's true what they say about pets, after all. Since the last puppy, the children have been hankering for a dog . . . Oh no — I might be pleased, but I'm not suicidal. #

*He who has the most trouble usually has been busy making it.*



## Simple Prayer

I think your readers would be interested to know about a big controversy recently stirred up in the US over (of all things) a prayer read by a minister before one of the state legislatures. According to the International Herald Tribune, which printed the text of the prayer given by Rev. Joseph Wright, it elicited not only immediate reaction from politicians and pundits but was quickly copied, read over radio stations and published by numerous newspapers throughout the nation.

Why was there such a strong, emotional, gut-reaction to a simple prayer? Largely because many people had never heard such an honest, forthright, and fearless prayer uttered in a public place. Read the prayer for yourself and see if you do not agree:

*"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and seek your direction and guidance. We know your word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good': but that's exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.*

*"We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of your word and called it moral pluralism. We have worshiped other gods and called it multiculturalism. We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle.*

*"We exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have neglected the needy and called it self-*

### One Minute Meditations

*Fernando de Larrazabal*

## An urgent invitation

*"The harvest is rich, but the workers are few; therefore ask the harvest master to send workers to his harvest." Luke 10:2*

Jesus invites you to be his disciple, to help him in his labor to gather others to God's own community. There is a lot of work that needs to be done, but few are the laborers available to work on it. In the passage preceding the one above, we see Jesus appointing seventy-two disciples who are to be sent on a missionary journey to pave the way for Jesus. The mission is urgent and has to be accomplished soonest to prepare for the Lord's mission.

Your task is urgent, too; although the majority of Filipinos are Christians, many have no foundation in their faith. The mission you and I are called to is to bring the good news of Jesus to them. We who have benefited from this gift have been entrusted to pass on to others this valuable knowledge of Jesus.

Many are those who have been privileged to receive God's Word, but they have selfishly kept this gift to themselves. There are also those who choose to impart this knowledge to only a few chosen ones within the confines of their community, and neglect others who need to profit from their experience. This gift is meant to be imparted to others who need to know more about Jesus.

The Christians who consider themselves members of the Lord's chosen ones, need to dedicate themselves to spread the word of God. No other activity should take precedence over this. We are called to be missionaries in our own area of responsibility -- in the family, our peer groups, friends, in the market place and wherever we may find opportunities to make Jesus known and loved. All good Christians are called to this mission.

### Prayer

*Dear Jesus, I love you, but I have difficulty in loving others.*

*Give me the grace and talents to be able to reflect this love to others by spreading your good news to all and sundry, thus accomplishing your command to love and carry out everything you have taught.*

*Amen.*



*Fernando de Larrazabal, better known in the BCBP as Tito Larry, serves on the BCBP National Council as Director for Luzon chapters and outreaches. His 1-minute meditations are aired daily over the Radio Mindanao Network and he has compiled them into the book *Where Are My Hands and Feet*. This meditation is reprinted with his permission from his column in the Makati Village Voice, July 14-20, 1996 issue.*

*preservation. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.*

*"We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justified.*

*"We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it political savvy. We have coveted our neighbors' position and called it ambition. We*

*have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression."*

To this I'm sure nearly everyone can say, "Yes, Sir, amen. That's American today all right." But wait. Look around. Most everything here is headed in the same direction.

*Leonard C. Hummel, Clearlight Ministries, Cebu City (News clipping contributed by F. de Larrazabal)*

*Is your church sound in doctrine, or just sound asleep?*



# BCBP's 1st national music ministry workshop fosters harmony

The Brotherhood's first national music ministry workshop saw the provincial delegates outnumbering the Metro Manila participants with delegations from 23 different chapters and outreaches attending the two-day seminar-workshop. The workshop, sponsored by the National Council on August 2 and 3 at the Institute of Social Order, Ateneo Loyola, Q.C., was conducted by the core music ministry of Ang Ligaya Ng Panginoon, BCBP's partner in mission.

Saturday's sessions touched on defining worship, its role and relationship to music. Ely Lademora, coordinator of the Ligaya ng Panginoon music ministry, emphasized in his talk that music in worship has two main purposes: to bring the glory of God down to the assembly of people, and to bring the people together in harmony and unity. "If the music does not do this, then the music ministry has failed in its service commitment," Lademora stated.

Rex Bayani, head of the LNP music ministry, in the afternoon workshop, discussed the music ministry team, its basic qualities and responsibilities. He stressed the importance of team unity and practice.

He also recommended that the music ministry team evaluate their service yearly in a weekend retreat or recollection.

Throughout the two-days, new songs were taught, new rhythms were learned, and the group enjoyed worshipping together and sharing experiences with one another.

A hands-on workshop took most of Sunday morning with three workshops ongoing simultaneously. The guitarists and their instruments gathered in one room to learn strumming techniques and discuss the use of the guitar in music.

Keyboard players and their instruments learned how to study a piece, set



(Above) "Patono naman." This what a brother appears to be asking from another before the workshop begun.



A day of a hundred guitars (Above). This is virtually what it seemed last August 4 when a room-full of guitarists from different chapters and outreaches of the BCBP attended the National Music Ministry Workshop.

rhythm, tempo and how to make introductions and endings for songs that make the song recognizable and distinguishable from other songs.

The singers, the largest group, found themselves doing voice exercises and studying voice blending and arrangements.

One high point of the workshop was exchanging notes with every chapter and outreach present on which songs they used most frequently in eight categories: gathering songs, welcome/greeting songs, praise and thanksgiving songs, reflective worship songs, response songs, anointed songs, liturgical songs and seasonal songs. The BCBP secretariat promised to compile these lists for dissemination to all with the objective to provide a common listing of songs for different BCBP occasions and activities.

*please turn to next page*

*It is easier to suppress the first desire than to satisfy all that follow it. -Franklin*

In the July 16, 1996 meeting of the Luzon Chapter Heads Council, held at the Elks Club, Makati, the chapter and outreach heads and their mission directors put their heads together in an extended luncheon meeting-workshop to review the basics of the Brotherhood life, namely the breakfast, the sharers, the Brotherhood Christian Life Program (BCLP) and Culture talks.

Fernando de Larrazabal, National Council director for Luzon, explained that the purpose of the workshop was to review present practices in light of the basic mission, vision and culture of the BCBP. "In other words, we need to get back to the basics," he said.

The results of that meeting will be harmonized with those of a similar meeting to be held in the VisMin region, with the resulting guidelines to be finalized by the National Council and issued for implementation.

A summary of the discussion follows.

The Men's and Ladies' Breakfasts are perceived as the primary entry point to the BCBP for first-timers, as an opportunity to get the know more about the BCBP. It is also a time for the Lord to work in both new and regular members. As such the breakfast should be viewed as a BCBP showcase and a golden opportunity to evangelize each other.

## Luzon council goes back to basics

Special efforts should be taken to be sure that all who attend feel welcome and "loved".

The breakfast format should be friendly, lively and begin and end on time. The highlight of the morning should be the sharer who should be selected for his/her personal conversion story, how well he/she lives out her commitment card practices. The sharer must be recommended by his/her action group leader or unit leader. First time sharers should be cleared by his/her home chapter before sharing in another chapter or outreach.

The workshop participants recommended that sharings should focus on the marketplace as much as possible and be subject to discernment by the breakfast head prior to the breakfast date.

The BCLP, Brotherhood Christian Life Program, was seen as the second introduction to the BCBP. Emphasis should be on the recruitment of couples as participants, preferably those who have attended several breakfasts. The sponsors should let their participants be aware of the BCBP cul-

ture and what will be expected of them before the seminar begins to determine their willingness to complete the program. Non-Christians, couples with severe or irreconcilable problems, and members of cults should not be invited to the BCBP.

BCLP speakers should be screened well in the areas of spiritual maturity, commitment, and life-style (do they practice what they preach?). They should also be capable speakers and adequately prepared for the topic they will speak on. It was recommended that there should be a regular review of course content to orient more talks toward marketplace victories.

The subjects of the culture talks were reviewed. The group felt it necessary to amend culture talk #1 on the BCBP's mission, vision and culture to include the 1995 NSPR results, discipleship in the context of conversion, commitment and commissioning, and the need for active service. An additional talk on establishing order in one's life in terms of time and personal finances was also suggested.

Steps should be taken to clearly explain and emphasize the commitment to, and mission of the BCBP by selecting experienced speakers who talk sense, are practical in their approach and are not too legalistic. Adequate opportunity should be given the participants to make an informed and voluntary choice whether or not to join the Brotherhood. -N.R.C.

### MUSIC MINISTRY ... from page 23

Manny Banigan awarded Certificates of Participation to all the participants during brief closing ceremonies. He thanked the LNP music ministry for their inspiration and commended their dedication to their service. "Now," he said, "we can look forward to becoming one Brotherhood nationwide not only in our organization but also in our music." -N.R.C.



(Above right.) BCBP president, Manny Banigan, assisted by Glenn de Guzman of Word of Joy and Sammy Ulanday, BCBP secretary general, awarding certificates of participation. (Left) Part of the big delegation listening to the lecture.

*Too many employees think work is a place and not an action.*

The Vismin council held a "back to basics" workshop conference last August 10, 1996 in Davao with the chapter/outreach heads and their mission directors in attendance to discuss matters pertaining to Brotherhood practices, particularly the Breakfast meetings and Brotherhood Christian Life Program.

The workshop/conference, according to Sadi Saguisag, Vismin Deputy Director, is aimed at providing the national governance inputs regarding BCBP practices towards achieving what the assembly called "one BCBP culture".

The Vismin chapter/outreach heads and mission directors were joined by some members of the National Council headed by Manny Banigan, BCBP national president who acted as facilitators.

The assembly was divided into two workshop groups; one discussing the Breakfast meeting facilitated by Louie Morales and Sadi Saguisag; and the other concentrated on the conduct of BCLP with Rolly Ona and Bobby Laviña coordinating.

The inputs from both groups shall be consolidated and then submitted to the National Council, and together with those inputs from the Luzon's similar workshop, will be finalized for implementation.

Following is a summary of the discussion.

The Men's and Ladies' Breakfast are perceived as venues primarily aimed at targeting first timers and must not be taken as "exclusive" club function. They should promote an evangelistic atmosphere. An air of welcoming and joyful spirit must be maintained all throughout the activity.

On the format aspect, the group emphasized that punctuality must be exercised and agreed on the following sequence of events: one opening song that is lively, and an opening prayer that should be short and concise. This is followed by the introduction of first timers and then breakfast is served. Introduction of the sharer and the sharing proper follows. There should be a response music and a Scriptural response. Announcements and closing song shall end the activity.

Sharers should be BCBP members only. In some exceptional cases, non-BCBP members may share only on assigned or specific topics. The sharing should be limited to 30 minutes and should focus on the "before-conversion-after" experiences of the

## Vismin council tackles BCBP basics

sharer. Marketplace testimonies should be given emphasis in the sharing.

There should also be a support group for registration, greeting and welcoming. The music ministry should prepare at least three easy and lively songs. The emcee must focus on the breakfast activities and not on himself. Jokes are not required and should be used discretely.

In the Brotherhood Christian Life Program, the group agreed on the following points:

Participants' introduction should be done in the discussion group instead in the whole body assembly.

During orientation talks, the Course leader together with his wife could be the sharer.

Tapes of previous BCLP proceedings were requested as a model to be followed. However this notion was discouraged for it might sifle the leading of the Holy Spirit because of a given benchmark. It was rather suggested to continue improving the talks without necessarily changing the present outlines.

An evaluation of the BCLP for effectiveness, impact, improvement etc., was suggested.

A speaker in the BCLP must have achieved a certain level of spiritual maturity and may employ his own creativity in presenting the talk.

As far as the BCLP and culture talks are concerned, the following were suggested:

Vision/mission and culture/structure talks should be combined; praising, raising and vocal prayers can be combined as one talk; gifts of the Holy Spirit should be conducted as a workshop type discussion; prayers and Scriptural readings should be re-emphasized; and a third one-on-one was recommended for levelling of expectations.

Along with the Vismin workshop/conference, Sammy M. Ulanday, BCBP secretary general also held a conference with the Mindanao chapter/outreach secretariat which completes the organization of the BCBP Secretariat network in the south. Ulanday earlier conducted the same conference with the Visayas and Metro Manila chapter and outreach secretariats. Meeting with the other Luzon chapter and outreach secretariats will be scheduled soon.

The day-long activity started immediately after the joint breakfast with Bobby and Marite Laviña of Greenhills as joint sharers. - S.M.U.



Sadi Saguisag, Vismin deputy director, explains the mechanics prior to the start of the workshop. The workshop was facilitated by some members of the National Council.

*A lot of people mistake a short memory for a clear conscience. -Doug Larson*

# WELCOME

**BCLP 6****Davao Outreach**

Abrera, Jojo/Naning  
 Aguilon, Gloria  
 Agulo, Pepe/Aidz  
 Bahala, Leoncio Jr./Rose  
 Bautista, Ben/Delia  
 Cinches, Ramon/Mila  
 Dayos, Elvie  
 Estanislao, Naning/Tess  
 Fabrero, Dante  
 Fernandez, Rene/Helen  
 Garcia, Boy  
 Geronimo, Ellen  
 Go, Ronald/Shiramil  
 Gomez, Nora  
 Gulanes, Raul  
 Gundran, Sophia  
 Laconico, Leo/Del  
 Lao, Edna  
 Licayan, Sadie  
 Lim, Linda  
 Lo, James/Arlene  
 Lua, Rosita  
 Mariano, Rey/Luy  
 Martinez, Jepong/Shiela  
 Matus, Susan  
 Morada, Lilanie  
 Narrido, Boy  
 Nasser, Bong/Marette  
 Nepa, Lolit  
 Rimorin, Joe/Norma  
 Salazar, Ester  
 Saludo, Ven  
 Sato, Felix/Elisa  
 Suycano, Tinday  
 Tan, Richard/Ann  
 Thun, Sally  
 Unson, Nenet  
 Villa, Rudy  
 Yap, Bing  
 Yarra, Collie

**BCLP 25****Las Piñas Chapter**

Agader, Boyet  
 Alba, Mario

Auditor, Melchor/Marichelda  
 Bernardo, Henry/Sonia  
 Brondo, Flor  
 Calip, Alex/Joy  
 Conte, Rolly/Beng  
 Cruz, Cynthia  
 Dimaculangan, Edwin/Susie  
 David, Bong  
 Dalangin, Mario/Ellen  
 de Jesus, Joey  
 Fadriguela, Liezel  
 Ibarra, Mari Claire  
 Jocson, Roxanne  
 Jabequero, Benjamin/Lina  
 Jose, Alma Bella  
 Layusa, Ernesto/Cristine  
 Medina, Jun/Myrna  
 Mayape, Hermie  
 Molvizar, Gay  
 Ocampo, Myrna  
 Pena, Myla  
 Pabalan, Jose/Donna  
 Refuerzo, Violy  
 Saniel, Roger/Karling  
 Sison, Buttons/Adjie

**BCLP 1****Ormoc City Outreach**

Apoderado, Mando  
 Capahi, Jun/Mila  
 Capuyan, Roger  
 Chu, Emil  
 Fermin, Rene  
 Gomez, Wheng  
 Lazam, Kay  
 Lim, Russell  
 Malazarte, Ansing  
 Malazarte, Junjun  
 Malinao, Benjie  
 Menchavez, Shadai  
 Nepomuceno, Ric/Ping  
 Noya, Tito/Flor  
 Ocampo, Boy  
 Oliva, Jon  
 Pacifico, Peng  
 Pongos, Ella

Rodriguez, Mayong/Jenet  
 Rodriguez, Vince/Judy  
 Rodriguez, Paolo  
 Serafica, Jackie  
 Tagra, Sharon  
 Tan, Eddie  
 Tan, Gweto/Celing  
 Tan, Mike  
 Tan, Ray  
 Timson, Vic  
 Zamarro, Doris

**BCLP 5****Mactan Outreach**

Anora, Allan  
 Baring, Alet  
 Burquite, Margie  
 Caballegan, Orly  
 Calamba, Dodong/Merlie  
 Cascalla, Vhio/Honor  
 Diaz de Rivera, Senen  
 Dodos, Chris  
 Encarguez, Jinky  
 Espina, Jojo  
 Estella, Nim  
 Famoso, Landa  
 Flaminia, Efren/Rose  
 Jequinto, Jex  
 Labador, Weejee/Jenny  
 Lacson, Dennis/Cora  
 Lanticse, Siegfred/Helen  
 Lim, Boboy/Zenith  
 Macaray, Alex  
 Manalili, Maning/Vangie  
 Martinez, Dave/Vivian  
 Mestedio, Nel  
 Nicolas, Arnel  
 Pobre, Ed  
 Puente, Boy  
 Pusta, Mart/Nes  
 Pusta, Roie  
 Rabutan, Dino/Rizza  
 Rebuyan, Aboie  
 Rojas, Alma  
 Sabizon, Yenyen  
 Salazar, Joe  
 Sawit, Mar/Ianne  
 Sayson, Mar/Oding  
 Singh, Jun/Leth

Soco, Mar/Fe  
 Talle, Bart/Jubi  
 Talon, Bebot  
 Teves, Sherwin  
 Tidalgo, Willy/Dory  
 Tiu, Bebot  
 Torralba, Bobby/Suzette

**BCLP 25****Quezon City Chapter**

Antonio, Stan/Eleanor  
 Arevalo, Ellery/Lilian  
 Arias, Galo/Pinky  
 Balaoing, Efren/Lina  
 Casumpang, Nelson/Doris  
 Cerrudo, Bert/Tess  
 Chico, Gandi/Ma. Judith  
 Concepcion, Ben/Mina  
 Dela Cruz, Allan/Evelyn  
 Flandez, Emer/Jo  
 Jungco, Roel/Josie  
 Kalalo, Dick/Marissa  
 Nuval, Telly/Norwie  
 Rosario, Mar  
 Sison, Buttons/Ajie  
 Torres, Cesar/Nette  
 Trinidad, Nilo  
 Vargas, Joe/Judy

**BCLP 5****La Naval Cavite Outreach**

Alix, Cesar  
 Alonzoana, Doming/Angelita  
 Apostol, Tess  
 Barasi, Tessie  
 Buenviaje, Frel  
 Bustamante, Feliciano/Adeline  
 Castro, Remy  
 Curioso, Pol/Marieta  
 Custodio, Alvin/Sallie  
 Dalida, Wenceslao  
 Diosomito, Evangeline  
 Flor, Ante/Adelaida  
 Garcia, Adriano  
 Jimenez, Bernadita  
 Lallana, Ramon  
 Ramos, Wilfredo/Donna  
 Saisiban, Liza  
 Salcedo, Teodoro/Cynthia  
 Vasquez, Mary Ane  
 Villegas, Tess

*The most dangerous people in the world are those who are often wrong, but never in doubt.*

## VALENCIA

## 29 complete Valencia BCLP 2

The twenty-nine participants of BCLP 2 in the Valencia outreach made their commitment to God through the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals on August 31, 1996 at the Haus Malibu, Malaybalay, Bukidnon.

Course leader was Rudy Cajulogan with Bobby Satorre assisting him. Ditto Dela Serna helped by Jong Tiro headed the servants' team.#

## DAVAO

## Outreach celebrates 3rd anniversary

BCBP Davao celebrated its third anniversary as an outreach of the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals on August 10, 1996. The seeds sowed through the joint efforts of the Cebu and Cagayan de Oro chapters have harvested 211 members, forming eleven action groups. Outreach head is "Tatang" Tony Garcia. Other members of the governance team are: Ding Canave, treasurer; Remy Gabuya, secretary; Wally Tapia, men's breakfast head; and Boy Elma, music ministry head.#

## LIPA

## Outreach begins BCLP 2

30 participants have responded to God's call and joined the ongoing BCLP 2 conducted by the BCBP's Lipa City outreach. Mel Rebutica of the Las Pinas chapter is the course leader assisted by Nanding and Alice Perce as head servants. Nanding Perce is concurrently Lipa City outreach head.

Different service teams and the music ministry from the Las Pinas chapter lend their support to the sessions that are held every Saturday afternoon at the Bureau of Plant Industry seminar room in Lipa City.#



Graduates of BCBP Mactan BCMR held last June 14-16, 1996, pose for a group picture. The couples are graduates of BCLP 1 and 5 of Mactan and Ormoc, respectively.

## BUTUAN

## BCBP opens BCLP 1 in Butuan City

Cagayan de Oro and Cebu chapters joined hands in bringing the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals to Butuan City, 196 kms. from Cagayan de Oro City, by launching its first Christian Life Program (BCLP) last July 26, 1996 at the Echelon Hotel, Butuan City.

Sessions are held every Saturday afternoon. Breakfasts continue to be held every second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

The BCLP opened immediately after the joint breakfast during which Ed and Bebie Banaag of the Cebu chapter inspired the group with their sharing.

Couple Bong and Beng Pelaez, from BCBP Cagayan de Oro, is course leader. Boy Neri acts as head servant. Initial speakers included Sadi Saguisag, Nap Pulutan and Ed Lising from Cebu. Brothers and sisters from the Cagayan de Oro chapter joined them in opening up the Butuan outreach.#

## MACTAN

## Two BCMRs in '96

BCBP Mactan conducted their Brotherhood Christian Marriage Retreat last June 14-16, 1996 at the Holy Family Retreat House, Cebu City. Eighteen couples from the Mactan BCLP 5 and six couples from Ormoc's BCLP 1 participated in the weekend retreat. Course leader was Darrell/Jo-Ann Sadaya assisted by Rey/Ata de Guzman.

This was the second BCMR of the year for the Mactan outreach. Twenty-seven couples graduated from the Feb. 16-18 BCMR 3 held at the same venue. Course leader was the couple Hector/Edna Tina with Leo/Cyd Lingeneo assisting.#

**Start your workday  
with prayer together  
with your work/  
officemates.**

*-NSPR, September 1995*

*Traffic is so bad nowadays, a pedestrian is someone in a hurry.*

## LAS PIÑAS

## 39 graduate from BCLP 25

Thirty-nine participants successfully completed the Brotherhood Christian Life Program (BCLP) 25 of the Las Pinas chapter on June 1, 1996. The course ran from February 4 to June 1 at the Franciscan Sisters of the Handmaid, BF Resort Village, Las Pinas. Commitment rites were held at the Italia Resort and Country Club, venue of the chapter's weekly breakfast fellowships.

The BCLP 25 service team included Mar and Belle Ciabal, course leaders; Rod and Mariel Manale, assistant course leaders; and Jim and Sandra Agbayani, head servants.

Facilitators and discussion leaders were: Jim/Sandra Agbayani, Vic/Gay Apalle, Emily Calanog, Manny/Au Dy, Joey/Tess Estagle, Bong/Cora Loderio, Rey/Merle Matriano, Dondie/Doris Ngking, Thor/Neri Olalia, Allen/Dulce Reyes, Lor Rodriguez, and Danny/Susan Tumanac.#

## QUEZON CITY

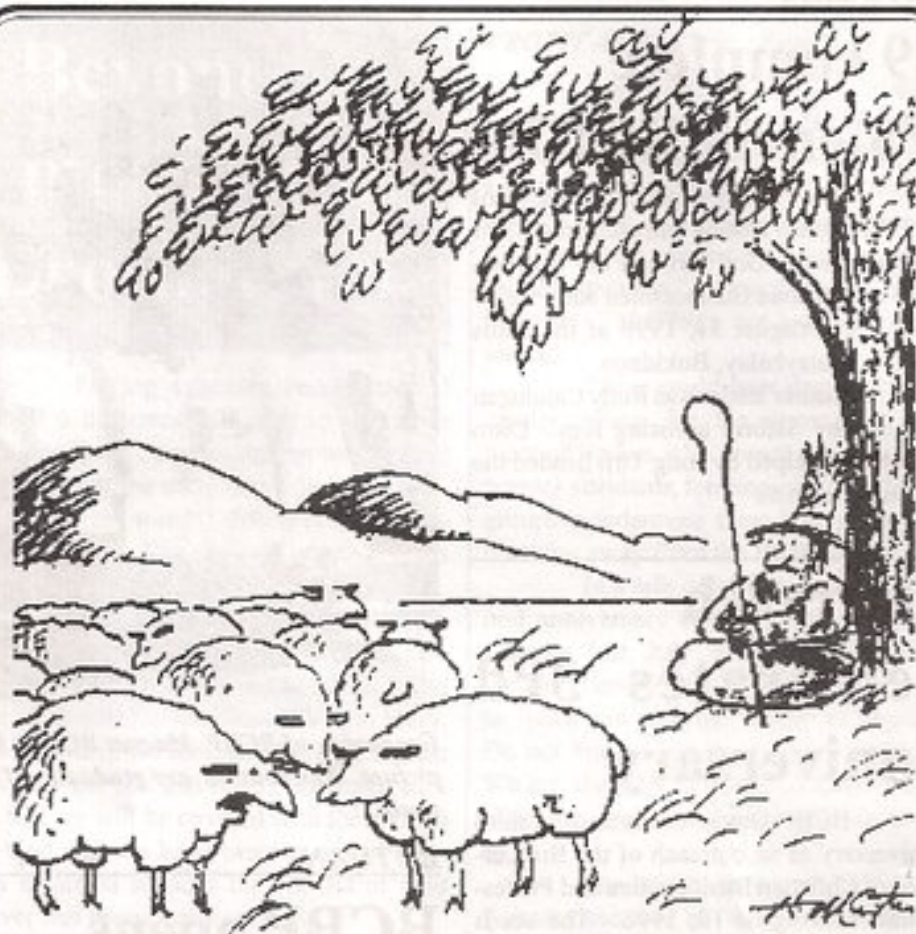
## Fiesta greets BCLP 25

The Quezon City chapter welcomed the graduates of its Brotherhood Christian Life Program (BCLP) 25 with a fiesta-like gathering after their commitment on July 26, 1996 at the Ateneo Institute of Social Order in Diliman, Quezon City.

With Jojo and Weng Odina as course leaders and Emil and Baby Morales as their assistants, the followed served as discussion leaders: Claro/Jeng Contreras, Philip/Belen Gonzales, Raffy/Yolly Gonzales, Noel/Ruth Ignacio and Rey/Sherly Mendoza.

Assistant discussion group leaders were Rency/Janet Cahilig, Cris/Luz Ignacio, Bong/Joy Jocson, Ver/Chato Sagun, and Nick/Ene Tolentino.

The service team was led by Rocel/Meng Cahilig with Romy/Hadjie Alpajora, Lito/Edna Cahilig, Jun/Ruby Mendoza, Gerry/Lolet Ocampo, and Edgar/Beth Orense as members.#



"Don't tell old straw hat over there, but the Lord is my shepherd."

Contributed by Annie Salvador, Makati Chapter



Man teaching wife to drive: "Go on green, stop on red, slow down when I turn white."

"Woman without her man is a savage." When this sentence was given to a class to punctuate correctly, it was found that the boys took it one

way, the girls another.

Boys: "Woman, without her man, is a savage."

Girls: "Woman! Without her, man is a savage."

A golfer returning home from a Saturday round on the links was greeted by his two youngsters asking, "Daddy, did you win?"

"Well," he replied, "in golf it doesn't matter so much if you win. But your father hit the ball more times than anyone else."

The catechism teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jimmy interrupted.

"My mother looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a Meralco post!"

To stumble twice against the same stone is a disgrace. -Cicero

## Workshop on breakfast sharing held

The governance team of BCBP Cagayan de Oro conducted its third session on evangelization on June 22 at the Hotel Conchita in Cagayan de Oro City by giving a workshop on how to give a breakfast sharing. 56 participants successfully completed the one-day workshop.

The activity, spearheaded by Bong Pelaez, had Jess Paras, chapter life head, and Jun Pangilinan of the chapter's speakers' bureau as speakers. Unit leaders acted as facilitators. #

## BCLP 9 underway in Cagayan de Oro

June 25 saw the start of BCLP 9 of the Brotherhood's Cagayan de Oro chapter. Venue was Paolo's Ristorante in the city. The 38 participants had their baptism of the Holy Spirit on August 3, 1996 at the Sto. Nino Parish Church.

Course Leader Willy Alcantar was assisted by Tata Malferari; head servant Chay Valerio had Vlody Gabe assisting him. #

### BAGUIO

**Middle:** Baguio sisters participate in the Salt and Light Ceremony officiated by Bishop Ernesto A. Salgado, bishop of Baguio-Benguet. The bishop in his homily thanked the BCLP team for helping make Christianity a "lived experience" among the faithful and for assisting the Church in the spiritual renewal and transformation of its members.

**Bottom:** The BCBP Dagupan chapter's music ministry provided the evening with inspiring songs. Dagupan chapter head Teddy Siapno and his wife Joan supported the group.

From a report by Cecille Estrada-Castro, Baguio City Outreach.

## Baguio's BCLP 4 in pictures



**Top:** BCLP 4 participants Major Armen Castro and wife Cecile sign their commitment cards during Commitment ceremonies on June 8, 1996 in the St. Ignatius Chapel at Fort del Pilar, Baguio City. The signing was witnessed by Lally and Art dela Cruz, Quezon City's mission team leader. Others attending the ceremonies included Q.C. chapter head Roy Calleja and mission director Cenen Sambalido.



A real computer expert is someone who can make a mistake and not get mad at the computer.

## TACLOBAN

## They had a busy August

The 100-member strong Tacloban outreach had a busy August, full of BCBP activities, reports Wilfred Maneja, who together with Cris Tiin have been newly appointed Kapatiran coordinators for the outreach by its acting outreach head, Boy Franco.

The month began with an action group leaders conference on August 3 conducted by Lloyd Limbaga from BCBP Cebu. August 6 saw the outreach members gather for worship and sharing at St. Therese Chapel, DWU, in the city.

National president Manny Banigan conducted a teaching night on August 23 and graced the outreach's breakfast the following morning at Don's Cabin Restaurant. In preparation for the outreach's Brotherhood Christian Life Program No. 6 that will begin in September, an orientation for all speakers and servants was held at Don's Cabin on August 31, 1996.

The Tacloban outreach is an outreach of the Brotherhood's Cebu chapter. It began in March of 1994, has conducted five BCLP's and has 96 committed members including two priests, namely Frs. Jerry delos Reyes, SVD and Elmo Borqueta of the Archdiocese of Palo.#

## MAKATI

## Makati chapter goes high-tech

"Whoever has ears ought to hear"  
—Matthew 13:8—

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The BCBP Makati Governance Team



Some suggestions to read on your journey with Jesus

### BOOKSHELF

#### Making Work Values

**Work** by Jacobson G. Kliatchko, Ph.D. (Iloilo, c1995)

Values are the in-thing as they should be for they provide us the foundational basis for our personal and corporate behavior. Dr. Kliatchko shares his experience in the fields of communication and industrial relations in this study guide and workbook. Nine basic values in the workplace are examined: industriousness, justice, responsibility, order, good use of time, cooperation and teamwork, obedience, humility and loyalty. The values are presented clearly, in easy-to-read format, and each chapter ends with a self-appraisal checklist. Practical examples of how to apply each value in the work situation are given.

#### 5-Minute Miracles: Praying for People with Simplicity and Power

by Linda Schubert. (St. Pauls Philippines, c1994)

This 62-page booklet is full of uplifting ideas and edifying anecdotes that point out how exciting a few minutes of intercessory prayer can be. The author answers common questions like: What do we say when we pray? What comes after the prayer? Who do we know whom to pray for? She also offers practical exercises to help the reader develop his/her unused prayer power. Keep this handy little booklet in your briefcase or purse to help you use those casual encounters to draw out 5-minute miracles of compassion and power from our merciful and loving God.

**Answer to How many rungs, p. 20:**

He would still have to climb up all ten rungs, since the ladder would rise with the boat, as the boat rose with the tide.

**To create disciples of Christ in the business and professions who live out Christian values and practices to bring about transformation of the marketplace.**

**BCBP Evangelization Statement, NSPR 1995**

*Nobody raises his own reputation by lowering others.*



# Caught Between Two Cultures

What do we mean by a BCBP culture? Do we need a BCBP culture? What do we do when we are confronted with the culture of a distorted world?

**W**e have often heard the phrase, "Christians should be in the world but not of it." We live with the paradox of knowing that although we are destined for the world to come, we must still live in this world. And since we cannot live as a hermit or a cloistered religious, we are caught between two cultures — the Christian culture and the world's secular culture.

What exactly do we mean by "culture"? Webster defines it as the training and/or refining of the moral or intellectual faculties of a group. Fr. Ben Beltran in a talk discussed culture as the set of meanings and values that form our way of life, our lifestyle.

As Christians we are to follow Christ's way of life, therefore, his values must become our values. We need to train and refine our moral and intellectual faculties as individuals and as a community to correspond with those of Jesus.

But the enemy seeks to sidetrack us from dealing with these deeper issues of motives, attitudes and values by encouraging us to divert our attention to haggling over cultural trivia rather than focusing on major issues. In one breath we denounce lewd movies and pornographic materials, and in the next we share questionable, derogatory information about a brother or sister. In the process our values get diluted and distorted.

Christian authors Stacy and Paula Rinehart (DJ, #39, 1987) believe that our faith in God gets warped as the culture around us seeks to compromise the integrity of the Christian message and values and to confuse the issues at hand. The tendency to combine a worldly mindset and values with God's truth produces a spiritual hybrid known in the Old Testament as idolatry. When Daniel and his friends were carted off to Babylon, they were offered meat that had been sacrificed to idols and taken into luxurious quarters in the king's palace. No one sought to persuade them to openly deny Yahweh, but rather to blend the pagan and the spiritual together, to assign the God of Heaven limited lordship, to live as though He were like any other god.



This is exactly what happens to us today. And what do we try to do? We try to blend in, not as a means to identify with people and gain a platform for the gospel, but in order to escape criticism, to avoid making waves, to protect ourselves, for selfish reasons.

We face the same danger as those of Jeremiah's day, who "followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves" (Jer. 2:5). We are invariably transformed into the likeness of whatever we worship — either the living God or some cheap substitute.

Can we live out a Christian culture amidst the tempting lures of the world? This is the challenge that confronts each one of us today. Like Daniel, we must make our lives a statement of God's power in a corrupt world. This is why we are in the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals.

A good musician can play and sing his music even if all the lights go out; he doesn't need to see the pages of music, all he needs is the music in his soul.

So, too, if we know the Master, we can play His music even in the dark. We can live a holy life in an unholy world. When caught between two worlds, the secret is learning to see beyond the style of this world to the substance of the next.

The BCBP way of life — prayer as a priority, the right use of scripture, use of the spiritual gifts, living in a spirit of genuine and loving service and active evangelism, living in community — in other words practicing the White Card commitment through the three "C's" of conversion, commitment and commissioning — this BCBP way of life helps us learn how to play His music even in the darkness of the world that surrounds us.

This is what the BCBP culture is all about. -N.R.C.

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NOV. - DEC. Issue  
Deadline: Oct. 7, 1996

Features:  
Advent and Christmas  
Family Life and Concerns

Readers Survey:  
What family practice or activity do you feel  
is most important in strengthening  
your family solidarity?



JAN. - FEB. Issue  
Deadline: December 6, 1996

Features:  
Worshipping God  
Evangelization

Readers Survey:  
What act of worship brings  
you most strongly  
into God's presence?

People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it.

# VENUES



*Louie Morales of the National Council facilitates the discussion on Breakfast meeting practices and format during the Vismin Council conference in Davao.*

## **MEN'S BREAKFASTS (7:30 a.m.)**

*Wednesdays* - MAKATI: Makati Sports Club, Makati

*Thursdays* - GREENHILLS: Club Filipino, Greenhills

*Fridays* - MANILA: Chateau 1771, Adriatico St., Malate, Mla.

### **Saturdays**

ALABANG: Ayala Alabang CC

BACOLOD: Roli's, La Salle, Bacolod

BAGUIO: Prime Hotel, Session Rd. (2nd & 4th Sats.)

CAGAYAN DE ORO: Paolo's Ristorante, CDO

CEBU: Ding Qua-Qua Rest. - Gen. Maxilom Ave., Cebu City

DAVAO: Terraza Millesa (2nd/4th Sats.)

DUMAGUETE: OK Pensione House (1st/3rd Sats.)

ILIGAN: Maria Cristina Hotel (2nd, 4th Sats.)

ILOILO: Amigo Terraces Hotel

LAS PIÑAS: Italia Club 500, BF Resort, Las Piñas

LEGASPI: Bistro Albay - Legaspi City (2nd Sat.)

MAASIN: Tomas Oppus Elem. Sch., Leyte (1st Sat.)

MACTAN: Cesar's Mansion, Lapulapu Cebu, (2nd/4th Sats.)

PARAÑAQUE: Center Mall - Pres. Ave. BF Parañaque

PUERTO PRINCESA: Asiaworld Resort Hotel

QUEZON CITY: Terrace Grill, 119 Roces Ave. near cor. Morato

SAN FERNANDO: Rotary Skills Center, Greenville Subd. San Fernando Pampanga (1st/3rd Sat.)

RIZAL: Valley Golf and Country Club, Antipolo

TACLOBAN: Payag Kawayan Restaurant (2nd/4th Sats.)

TAGBILARAN: Mel's Kainan (2nd/4th Sats.)

## **MEN'S LUNCHEON (12:00 noon)**

*Saturdays* - DAGUPAN: Pinkee's Restaurant

## **MEN'S MERIENDA (4:00 p.m.)**

*Saturdays* - TUGUEGARAO: Marilyn's Restaurant (2nd, 4th Sats.)

## **LADIES' BREAKFASTS (7:30 a.m.)**

*Wednesdays* - MAKATI: Makati Sports Club (2nd Wed.)

### **Saturdays**

ALABANG: Ayala Alabang Country Club (2nd Sat.)

BACOLOD: Quan, La Salle, Bacolod City (2nd Sat.)

CAGAYAN DE ORO: Paolo's Ristorante (2nd/3rd Sats.)

CEBU: Nang Masa Rest. (1st/3rd Sat.)

ILOILO: Amigo Terraces Hotel (1st Sat.)

LAS PIÑAS: Italia Club 500 (3rd Sat.)

PARAÑAQUE: Little Quiapo, Aguirre St (4th Sat.)

QUEZON CITY: Terrace Grill (2nd Sat.)

RIZAL: Valley Golf and CC, Antipolo (1st Sat.)

## **LADIES' LUNCHEON (12:00 noon)**

*Mondays* - GREENHILLS: Casa Nila, Fe-Luisa Bldg. Greenhills Commercial Center (3rd Mon.)

## **JOINT BREAKFASTS (7:30 a.m.)**

*Wednesdays* - MAKATI: Makati Sports Club, (1st Wed.)

*Thursdays* - GREENHILLS: Club Filipino (1st Thurs.)

*1st Fridays* - MANILA, Chateau 1771

### **Saturdays**

ALABANG: Ayala Alabang Country Club (4th Sat.)

CAGAYAN DE ORO: Silver Court (3rd Sat.)

CAINTA: Valley Golf and Country Club, Antipolo (3rd Sat.)

DAGUPAN: Pinkee's Restaurant (3rd Sat.)

LAS PIÑAS: Italia Club 500 (1st Sat.)

LEGASPI: Bistro Albay (4th Sat.)

PARAÑAQUE: Center Mall, Pres. Ave. BF (2nd, Sat.)

QUEZON CITY: Terrace Grill, (4th Sat.)

RIZAL: Valley Golf and CC, Antipolo (3rd Sat.)

## **JOINT LUNCHEON**

*Saturdays* - CAVITE/LA NAVAL: Jack 'n Jill, Cavite City (3rd Sat.)

**Attention all chapter/outreach secretariats: Please take note of your venues as stated above. If there are any corrections/changes, let us know as soon as possible.**

# THE BCBP COUNTRY

