



Ang Mamamalakaya

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STARRING BCBP in FIESTA 2012

• *Aida Gonzaga*



THE 2012 fiesta was unique in many aspects. Let us start with the Director General. When Sis. Bona De Vera accepted to lead the event as Director General, it was for her a thanksgiving to the Mighty God for the innumerable blessings she and Bro. Buddy received, one of the latest then was the graduation of both sons, Ian and Franz. Their past experience in handling finances as immediate past BCBP Santiago Treasurer, as able current couple Unit Leaders and her prowess as Chief Executive of the De Vera Medical Center all

Cluster 3. She chose her team very well and involved so many people and their ideas that lent the event its success, especially the Community prayers lifting up the success of the 2012 Patronal Town Fiesta.

The impact of our BCBP culture was very evident. For the first time, the celebration was brought to all the Barangays of the City. The first and second canvassing were held separately in the different Barangays, drawing the involvement of all local pastoral leaders and residents of the Barangays. This unique idea was only made possible with the approval of our Parish Priest, Fr. Patrick Caro, who knew that taking the process away from the 'Poblacion'

whole of Santiago City, nurturing in the flock a deeper gratitude and love for the Lord through His warrior, St. James. Our

shepherd, Fr. Pat let his heart show by heartily approving the idea with the
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A Beautiful Metanoia

• *Wally Yumul*



I didn't become a businessman by accident. My parents were already into business even when I was still young. I considered the market as my playground. I can say that I was already in the business world even before I got married.

Whenever I enter into any business transaction, I see to it that I am fully-equipped with first-hand knowledge regarding such deal. Thus, I always attend seminars and workshops to broaden and supply me with the necessary stuff I need to run my business.

Before joining the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals (BCBP), my business attitude is geared only towards earning money because of my belief that success is only measured by wealth and money.

And because of my strong desire to become a millionaire.

But God worked in a mysterious way and used the BCBP to change my
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contributed to the Patronal Fiesta's uniqueness. And you guessed right, BCBP was very much involved as one of the sponsors in

would mean lesser monetarily for the Church but there were probable benefits not quantifiable in Pesos, such as unifying the



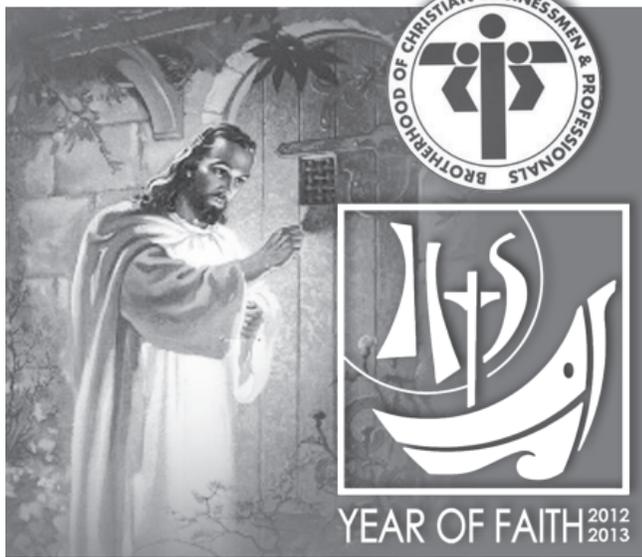
The BCBP and The Year of Faith

Editorial

"...They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door

of faith..." (Acts 14:27).

October 11, 2012 to November 24, 2013 marks ANNUS FIDEI, The Year of Faith. God did not only open the door of faith for the early Church but opened the door of faith for each one of us. It is an invitation for us to enter and experience the beauty and grandeur of a profound and more meaningful relationship with Him. The Year of Faith calls us to an authentic and



renewed conversion to the Lord. It allows us to turn back to the Lord and experience a deeper and more intimate relationship with Him. During our baptism, our doors of faith are opened to us. During this Year of Faith, we are asked to re-open this door and rediscover and renew our relationship with Christ and the Church.

The initiation of the Brotherhood Christian Life Program (BCLP), the Free to Follow the Lord Weekend Retreat (FFTLWR), Brotherhood Christian Marriage Retreat (BCMR), Brotherhood Christian Business Retreat (BCBR) and the Brotherhood Way of Life Retreat (BWL) in the Chapter and all its outreaches clearly manifests the BCBP Santiago Chapter's ardent and committed desire for evangelization and a living response to the call of the Year of Faith.

In this Year of Faith, as BCBP members, we are invited to focus and re-focus on our individual selves for an examination of where we truly stand right now in a journey towards a better self. Let us begin with honesty of ourselves and allow the magnificent power of the Holy Spirit to envelop and transform us into a new person worthy of the loving relationship with Christ, the One Savior of the world. Let us, together with our beloved BCBP community, open this gift – door of faith – and travel once more towards the embrace of our Heavenly Father and be commissioned again to the noble work of evangelization as we continue to respond to the BCBP Call – TO BRING CHRIST INTO OUR MARKETPLACES AND WIN OUR MARKETPLACES FOR CHRIST!

The CHNOOK

• Gerry Balot



NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION

IN this community, we have a clear vision of what we are going to do. We are provided with our vision-mission statement to guide us through the way. We have attracted and recruited young, enthusiastic and energetic men ready to embrace the cross of Christ our Lord as we go about accomplishing our very mission to achieve our vision. Let our mission statement therefore be clearly embedded in our hearts and minds so that everything that we think of, say or do will be in align with our mission statement.

It is however said that goals or visions will just remain as goals or visions without doing anything to realize it. Just come to think of it, if the apostles, after learning the basics of Christianity, hesitated to make it known to the world, we may still be in spiritual darkness and are deprived of the glimpse of the redeeming light of Christ.

As Dr. Bremer, author of *Successful Achievement*, says, "Put action with your plan and make it a plan of action". St. Paul, St. Peter and the other apostles are men of action. With faith in Christ that He will be with them always, and with unwavering faith in themselves after having been empowered and commissioned by Christ, they set sail and proceeded to execute their plan of action.

Brothers and sisters there is much work left by the apostles for us to do. As a community with a way of life in mission, with faith in Christ our Lord, let us, without any moment of hesitation, DO what we have COMMITTED OURSELVES TO BE DONE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD. Let the stipulations in our Commitment Card be our Mission Guide. Once transformed into the gospel values of Christ, let that transformation radiate for others to see and emulate. Yes, brothers and sisters if we have only the faith as small as that "mischievous" mustard seed in the parable we will be able to accomplish our mission and ultimately bring about the CHANGE we all aspire for in this beloved country of ours.

By the way let us continuously support and pray for the success of our MISSION TEAM in their Cauayan City and Nueva Vizcaya activities.

			
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eMISSION

• Oyie Alejandro

THE BCBP AND THE CALL FOR EVANGELIZATION

Fulton J. Sheen once expressed, "Show me your hands. Do they have scars in giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?"

The Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals (BCBP) is always in a constant push to carry out its vision and mission – a challenge of evangelization to bring Christ into the marketplace and eventually winning the marketplace for Christ.

Every BCBP member is called to respond to this call – the call of evangelization. Evangelization in simple terms means knowing and bearing witness to the Gospel that would bring about personal conversion, freedom and transformation. And, evangelization deems to establish the Church as a "universal sacrament of salvation." In a cup therefore, evangelization is a thrust towards the transformation of the whole of humanity in Jesus Christ.

This is the BCBP's call. This is, as an individual member of the BCBP, our call to embrace the challenge of evangelization in the modern world full of complexities. As we listen to the will of the Father in the splendor of prayer and in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, let us then boldly follow the footsteps of Jesus Christ. And, following Christ is as simple as knowing the real and true meaning of LOVE – for GOD Himself is LOVE. Let this love radiate its power to bring about meaning in a conversion to a personal relationship to Jesus Christ, a commitment to the values espoused by Christ himself and a sense of commissioning to spread these values to others in the conduct of our businesses and professions.

At the end of the day, let us ask ourselves if we have responded and acted as true instruments of evangelization – if in our LOVING we marked scars in our hands in the authentic spirit of giving and sharing, wounded our feet in selfless service and left a beautiful place of DIVINE LOVE in our own hearts.



Reflection and Synthesis

• *Pecto Tamani*

TO gain their entry as full-fledged members of the BCBP Santiago Chapter, the latest batch of aspirants participated in the three learning programs on Christian life, marriage and business. These activities are parts of a year-long program intended to test the basic fitness of the individual to remain committed to the BCBP's mission and vision. At the same time, the program aims to prepare and strengthen a Christian to carry out the



BCBP way of life. It means following and practicing the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ in all aspects of our daily life.

Finishing and completing the entire course of the Basic Christian Formation Program is indeed a no easy-going and no comfortable immersion for us who underwent such challenge. Thinking aloud, I would consider this newly-restructured requirement for BCBP membership a difficult course to handle and overcome. It is like a baptism of fire and "mahirap na daan" for a traveler.

Is it the Lord Jesus Himself who said that a camel's entry to the hole of a needle is easier than for a man particularly the rich and powerful, to enter the gates of heaven? A street-smart character would tell us, "You want to succeed? No pain, no gain!"

BCLP, BCMR, BCBR dwelt on the ways of life that Jesus Christ has taught and shown His disciples more than 2,000 years ago.

Our Holy Redeemer has preached that essential to each individual and our entire society is loving and serving both God and humanity wholeheartedly.

But how can you preach and go about this Christian way of life in a world of conflicting and contradicting human beliefs, values, attitudes and behavior? Similarly in the past, our current global population of 7 billion embraces a significant number of people afflicted with poverty, experience injustice and were inflicted with wickedness by their fellow men and women.

Confronted by the forces of evil, what can we do? Retreat and surrender? Or, no retreat, no surrender? Is there a half-way or acceptable compromise to this scenario? Will it be enough to be half-good, half-bad to survive and prosper? A clue to this puzzle is to go back to the themes of our lesson on basic Christian life, marriage and business: (a) that living an authentic Christian life is sowing and nurturing the seeds of faith, hope and charity (b) that marriage built upon the bedrock of Christian love survives and grows up amidst the trials and difficulties of a marital life (c) that a business managed and anchored on the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ produces not only material and financial rewards but most importantly a just treatment and sharing of the fruits of economic development to all.

GOD bless us all!



beyondPSDink

• Tony Caleon

Keeping Honesty Ever On Fire

THE untimely passing of Sec. Jesse Robredo greatly inspired me and deeply taught me a great lesson -- honesty can truly be everywhere, even in the complicated field of politics. For so long a time, it has been inscribed in our minds that politicians and/or those holding positions in the government can hardly uphold the virtue of honesty. The honesty, presence and life of DILG Sec. Jesse Robredo blew away at once such myth in my mind. I was [and still I am!] awesomely inspired, deeply moved [and continued to be moved!] into tears when his videos were being played over TV stations. My mind seems to be telling me, "Sayang! Puwede sana siyang maging Presidente ng Pilipinas!"

Together with the "tsinelas" leadership and the honest advocacy of the late Sec., I am inviting you, brothers and sisters, to come, see me and communicate with me, if you are interested to post in your gates and/or doors of your houses the "Be Honest" slogans. Please do feel free to see me and get these tarpaulin-slogans. To my mind, this will draw an invitation for us and those who shall take notice of the "Be Honest" slogans hanging on our residences, offices and business establishments to be honest all the time.

Lastly, I am challenging everyone to talk and walk the "Be Honest" talk in a context. I can posit seven (7) contexts regarding the matter. To make honesty a living reality for you and me, let me put forward seven (7) questions to be examined and reflected upon by each and every BCBP member:

1. Am I honest to myself?
2. Is my family honest, too?
3. Am I a model of honesty in my barangay?
4. Is honesty alive in my office?
5. Is honesty the lifeblood of my business?
6. Am I a mentor of honesty in my parish? and,
7. Am I a living witness of honesty among my BCBP peers?

May these questions help us, in the likes of the

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late DILG Sec. Jesse Robredo, keep the virtue of HONESTY working in our everyday dealings, anytime and anywhere, and let the beauty of HONESTY radiate its positive contaminating radiance to all our brothers and sisters without fail.

An ANTICIPATION of JOY and JUBILATION



33rd NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Panay Region - April 12-13

Ateneo De Iloilo High School Campus

BCMR Nueva Vizcaya Conducted

• Luz Yumul

Last August 31 - September 2, 2012, the BCBP Nueva Vizcaya Outreach conducted the BCMR #5. Five couple-participants attended the event. Despite the bad weather, some members of the BCBP Santiago Chapter took time and effort to support and serve in the said retreat.



The BCMR is a humbling experience. We were able to witness the participants go through the same experiences we had during our own BCMR. Tears of joy and happiness flowed from the couple-participants as they renew their marriage vows and make Christ the center of their lives and relationship.



Our very supportive Chapter Head, Bro. Gerry and Sis. Lina stayed throughout the entire event. Bro. Gerry also commended the whole service team led by the ever active Outreach Head, Bro. Alain Manaig and BCMR

Course Leader Bro. Jack Cabalonga. The team is worthy of recognition for its effort to carry out a job very well done. Bro. Gerry applauded the Nueva Vizcaya Outreach and pictures them to be good hosts for future events in the likes of the BCMR activity.

The couple-participants promised to be good shepherds to their children and to establish a Christ-centered home and be active change-agents in the community.

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hope of fostering unity among his flock and strengthening their faith.

Our granddaughter Samantha was the female candidate of Chapter 3. We were not open to the idea at first. Both our families were never involved in such activities. How Samantha, our grandchild became Cluster 3's candidate must have been God's inspiration. When we understood that it was neither a contest for money, nor was it a competition to win, rather it was a celebration to thank God for all the blessings of the past year for our families and our City, whom

through our Patron Saint were protected from so many calamities, and a way to raise funds for the Parish projects, we decided to get involved. We explained the purpose and mechanics of the Fiesta to Joe and Gigi, parents of Samantha and when they understood, they happily agreed, with some conditions. That Samantha won't be coerced or forced to wear makeup, not to be dressed up immodestly or like an adult. My concern was to protect her attitude. An inflated ego would damage her attitude. Beauty was never mentioned, instead we explained to her that her being a candidate would be our way of honoring our Lord Jesus, and she nodded and was quick to add, "and Mama

• Mary!" We also explained that we shall be selling tickets to our friends and family members to raise funds for the Church.

• In prayer, I sought the Holy Spirit's inspiration and guidance. I learned that the goal of the Fiesta was Three Million Pesos, (P3,000,000.00) to fund the many projects of the Church. Truly, in my heart of hearts, I knew nothing was impossible with God and His ways are above my ways. I also knew that this

• inspiration came to my aid. • The infantile project became



• we were approaching family to help the Church. They asked me for more tickets! What a miracle! And the tickets started moving, going to many family members and friends here in Santiago, Manila, Makati, Dagupan, Tuguegarao, Nueva Vizcaya, Zamboanga and even in the United States and Canada. Our BCBP Community was given a quota worth P25K, equal to all other organizations, however, when I was still unaware of this quota, I have offered tickets to Brothers and Sisters in the Community who promptly bought them. I prayed fervently for each one who took a ticket, for the Lord to bless their generosity, whatever amount they gave! Honestly, I was surprised at how the tickets got sold quickly and I had to keep requesting for more tickets from the Parish thinking that maybe we were far behind.

• some of them who were like me, uneasy about approaching others eventually became my happy helpers. They were



• was not all about my granddaughter winning even though I asked myself if I wanted her to win. I admitted that it would be nice if she did, but I was peaceful in my heart to accept that if someone who worked harder won, I would not be sorry but what was important to me was that I did my best too. I took myself to task, reminding myself that if I was doing this for God's glory, I needed to walk my talk, otherwise it would be meaningless lip service. The Holy Spirit's

• such a source of joy, consolation and they kept me going. We realized that

• At the Final Canvassing, we remitted all the contributions that came in from all over, still unknowing. We knew all the candidates were winners, because there would be a Queen and King, and three pairs of princesses and princes! How astute! When the announcement was about to be made, I



THE FIRST BCLP IN CAUAYAN CITY

• Oca Maninantan

Since the first BCBP orientation that was conducted in Cauayan City to introduce the Breakfast Meeting as a venue of entry into the Brotherhood and as the first step in the fulfillment of the BCBP's vision of Bringing Christ into the Market Place and Winning the Marketplace for Christ, seeds that would grow to bring in agents of change are now planted in Cauayan City.

Late last year, the Mission Team, headed by Bro. Oyie Alejandro, wasted no time in forming the group that was tasked to establish an outreach in Cauayan City. The BCBP "MARINES" - Mission Team - who were called to take on the challenge had planned well and went prepared to accomplish the task assigned to them. A permanent schedule and venue was established. With the help and support of the regular members of the Brotherhood in the recruitment of first time breakfasters, more than 100 regular breakfasters

responded to the call. With such, the outreach was deemed ready for the first BCLP.

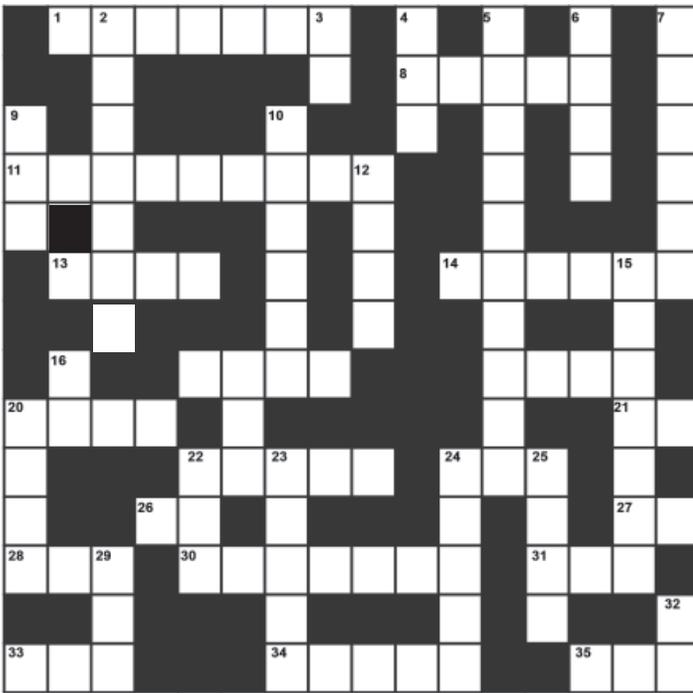
Initially, about 50 candidates from Cauayan City and about 10 from Santiago City were invited to attend the BCLP. It started on Oct 14, 2012 and ended on Dec. 2, 2012.

Of those invited, there were more than thirty participants who went through the eight-Sunday Program and have responded to serve the Lord through the BCBP.

Looking back at the challenges the Mission Team has experienced in establishing the Cauayan City Outreach, it is very clear that GOD through His HOLY SPIRIT was with them, and empowered them successfully conduct the first BCLP --- the first step in their mission to establish a BCBP Chapter in Cauayan City.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BCBP ?



ACROSS

- 1. the door for Christian renewal and for the delivery of the Gospel message
- 8. number of levels of membership in the BCBP
- 11. main entry point to the BCBP
- 13. acronym of the community where BCBP is an active member
- 14. the very center of the BCBP
- 17. NAC 32 boat's action
- 19. forgetfulness of the SELF for the sake of the OTHER
- 20. it has the Life in the Spirit Seminar as its beginnings
- 21. I plus You
- 22. acronym of the community where the BCBP traces its beginnings
- 24. acronym of the first venue of the first BCBP breakfast
- 26. love for God is BCBP's highest priority
- 27. bill which the BCBP strongly opposes
- 28. Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- 30. We are a community of

- business people and professionals committed to living out Christian values and being change agents in the marketplace.
- We accomplish this through a process of on-going personal conversion, a commitment to professional excellence, community and nation building, practice of justice and integrity, and responsible care for all entrusted to us.
- 31. the position of Bro. Claude Gonzaga in the BCBP
- 33. Bro. Willie Simbul's position in the BCBP
- 34. BCBP Santiago Chapter's beloved Chapter Head
- 35. maker of saint like Bro. Ric Pua in BCLP #1 of Cauayan Outreach

DOWN

- 2. advocacy of BCBP
- 3. Come and _____ Fr. Schneider's message in the NAC 32.
- 4. BCBP members are

ON BREAST CANCER

• *Lina Balot*

March 30, 2012 marks another milestone in the history of BCBP Santiago Chapter. An advocacy on breast cancer updates was aired on radio through the program "Itanong mo kay Doc" at 93.7 Radio Natin FM Radio. A PSD advisory was circulated among all members to encourage them and listen to the myths and truths of breast cancer. The anchor moderator is yours truly and my guest specialist is Bro. Jumer Cadelina, a surgeon.



Cancer is ranked to be the third cause of death nationwide. And, breast cancer is the leading cause of death among women. This happens because of the fact that women do not worry and take the circumstances for granted. Women are not even aware of the signs and symptoms of breast cancer like skin dimpling, nipple retraction, wounds that do not heal, loss of weight and the like.

Breast cancer is the most economical to diagnose among all others. All you need to do is to examine your breast while taking a bath. First, inspect your breast and try to observe if there appears to be a difference between your right and left breasts such as size, appearance and configuration. Face a mirror and examine yourself in front of it. Next, feel your breasts and look for a lump or a mass. Once you have discovered an irregularity, consult your Family Physicians in town who will in turn refer you to the surgeon if necessary.

Most of the time, patients misinterpret the signs and symptoms of breast cancer. Some painful sensations in the breast may be due to infections and may not necessarily be cancerous. To be sure, consult your doctors.

Remember, an ounce of prevention is equivalent to a pound of cure.

- Change-agents in The Marketplace
- 5. where the North Chapter — one of the first two chapters of the BCBP — was based
- 6. BCBP's Spiritual Director
- 7. _ _ _ _ _ P L A C E — where Christ is brought and won
- 9. BCBP is a Community of Business People and Professionals
- 10. where the first BCBP Chapter was established
- 12. BCBP Santiago's PSD
- 15. one big challenge for a BCBP member is to be a good _ _ _ _ _
- 16. Love for Community essentially means loving our brothers and sisters in the BCBP
- 18. position held by a

- shepherd in the BCBP like Bro. Dexter Balot
- 20. the Chairman of the Board of Trustees
- 22. an opportunity for BCBP members to meet every 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month for prayer and fellowship
- 23. river-boundary of the 1st two chapters of the BCBP
- 24. name of the present President of the ManCom who will serve the term 2012 – 2014
- 25. BCBP _ _ _ _ Values: Love for God, community and country, and commitment to the Lord's work
- 29. third word in 2 Tim 1:7
- 32. position held by Bro. Robert Vispo in the Governance

“Cor ad Cor Loquitur” (Heart Speaks to Heart)

• Editor's Reflection

IN A CASUAL CONVERSATION with a brother-friend, everything seemed ordinary but turned out special when words of wisdom flowed from his heart — unrehearsed and selfless.

“You’re still young. It’s still a long way to go. What you’ve got to do for the moment is to enjoy everything that you have with a grateful heart. A father who gives a present to his son would feel disheartened if his son is not appreciative and grateful for the gift. But the father would be very glad and joyful if his present is treated with gratitude and appreciation. Eventually, he will give his son another gift more than and better than the earlier present. This is the same with our Heavenly Father. How can He give us more and far better

than what we have right now if at the moment we cannot even show appreciation, gratitude and joy to His presents to us [little they may be]? Be patient. Enjoy and savor every single little moment of your life.” **Thank you bro. FREEDOM** for this liberating act.

FROM THE 1ST FRIDAY BCBP TEACHING, I am captured by three important words that one BCBP member should possess and develop — INTEGRITY, HONESTY and LOVE. I believe these three are interconnected. To have INTEGRITY, one must practice the virtue of HONESTY and practice the beauty of LOVE. One can be HONEST if he aims to achieve INTEGRITY and be clothed with LOVE. And, one can truly LOVE if one is HONEST to himself and others and the INTEGRITY

of his character molded by LOVE and HONESTY. Thank you BCBP! **Thank you bro. CH.**

AS I LISTEN TO A RESPECTED BROTHER in the BCBP I admire that much, I cannot but take for granted his nuggets of wisdom.

...that one is in a journey from “onest” (pinaka-ikaw) to “oneness” (kabuoan)...that we need to strive to “perfect” our persons in the best way we can to achieve the fullness of our being. It sounds very philosophical. In simple words, we start from molding, doing and sharing the best of ourselves to experience the real satisfaction and meaning of being a true and whole person.

Because it is only when we are at our best that we can radiate what is best.

...that marriage starts with simply accepting your partner as he truly and really is. Then, it continues with the journey of perfecting each other — helping mend each other’s brokenness to gain wholeness once again. When, both partners are perfect and whole, they eventually turn towards perfecting and making other people whole. This is marriage vis-à-vis God’s creation — a role of stewardship for married couples. **Thank you bro FD.**



HELPING US SEE THROUGH THE VISION OF A BLIND [IN HELEN KELLER]

It is wonderful how much time good people spend fighting the devil. If they would only expend the same amount of energy loving their fellow men, the devil would die in his own tracks of ennui.

I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do.

Self-pity is our worst enemy and if we yield to it, we can never do anything wise in this world.

What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.

Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.

Unless we form the habit of going to the Bible in bright moments as well as in trouble, we cannot fully respond to its consolations because we lack equilibrium between light and darkness.

What I am looking for is not out there, it is in me.



HONEST JOKE

Honest Mom

Namatay ang isang mister na babaero. Sa requiem mass, sinabi ng pari patungkol sa namatay; "an honest man, a good man, a family man" et cetera.

Binulungan ng biyuda ang panganay na anak. "Pakisilip mo nga ang kabaong kung ang daddy mo nga ang nasa loob!"

Honest Child

BATA GALING SA ESKWELA...

BATA: TAY, NAG TEST KAMI KANINA, LAHAT NG MGA KAKLASE KO AY ZERO SA TEST...

TATAY: OH, IKAW ANAK?

BATA: SYEMPRE! PATALO PA BA ANAK MO, 'DI ZERO DIN...

So Honest

Girl: Bakit ayaw mo sa akin? PANGIT ba ako?

Boy: shhh...wala akong sinabing ganyan! MAGANDA ka...mula PAA hanggang LEEG.

Honesty Ba?

Juan: Paano kung may makasalubong ka sa elevator na tao na may kulangot sa ilong, anong sasabihin mo sa kanya para malaman nya na may kulangot siya na hindi naoofend?

Pedro: Wow pare yung nunal mo kulay green!!! Adjustable pa!

Honest Answer

PARE - Ang galing ng nabili kong hearing aid. Hi-tech at ang lakas ng dating!

KUMPARE- Magkano ang bili mo?

PARE - Oo, kanina lang.

Honest Na Rin

JUAN: Pare, anong phone mo?

JOSE: Apple, ikaw?

JUAN: Blackberry.

JOSE: Eh, ikaw Boni?

BONI: Cherry lang.

(JUAN, JOSE, BONI): Ikaw Pedro, ano sayo?

PEDRO: RAMBUTAN.



PUSTAHAN TAYO SINUKAT MO KAMAY MO. SANA LANG GOOD NEWS ANG RESULTA. HEHEHE

PICK-UP'S



Let me check out your tag
— yep, just what I
thought. "Made in
Heaven."

I believe one of my ribs
belongs to you.

I would have asked you
out to dinner, but I just put
all my money in the
offertory basket.

Did it hurt when you fell
from Heaven?

Is it a sin that you stole my
heart?

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whispered to Samantha the question if she wanted to win and she honestly said Yes. I felt sad about her reply and so I reminded her that whatever the result, she is still a winner and that the efforts we gave were for love of God and Mama Mary. She nodded with a smile.

And the rest is history! I couldn't believe that the gap between Samantha and the first princess was more than half the amount! I was unaware that the candidates were entitled to a percentage share of the amount collected and since we never expected it, we decided to give everything to the Church. I praised

and thanked God with all my heart for blessing our efforts and prayed that Samantha be protected from any attitude damage! I analyzed the sources of the total collections and I found out that our Community as one source gave the highest! - even though not the majority. The BCBP share of the collections included a sizeable personal contribution from Bro. Buddy and Sis. Bona and I found out later that they supported all the candidates.

Indeed, this past Fiesta Celebration was very successful and the most unique. The risk of earning less for the Church proved

not a risk after all. By God's grace, the goal of Three Million Pesos was met!! This made the Director General and her team euphoric in their happiness and a celebration after the Fiesta celebration followed. Our Shepherd, Fr. Pat beamed with happiness with the success, assigning himself as official photographer. Many winners! The extra draw of tickets at every canvassing drew more people. The Singing and Dancing Superstars contest produced great winners, then there was the bunting contest. Awards and prizes were awarded and lots of photographs were taken! The generosity of many, led

by the Director General and her family is an answered prayer! We always ask the Lord to teach us to be more generous! Sharing of the Three T's, Talent, Treasure and Time was real. Many professionals shared their 3 T's in the several Medical Missions held in the Barangays providing free services to those in need --- just like our Lord healing the multitude. The focus of the Fiesta Celebration was on the Lord more than on the festivities themselves. The Patronal Procession was separate from the Parade and the showing of the Life of St. James was a must! The BCBP culture was evident in all these events..

A Beautiful Metanoia

perspective. I then realized that God is the source of everything and, that I am only a **steward** of this wealth. God literally and definitely owns everything. Thus, I need and ought to share. Like a glass filled with water, unless it is emptied, there will not be a room to accommodate even a single drop that will be poured into it. The same thing goes for us, unless we open our palms in giving and sharing, there will not be a room to accommodate the blessings coming from the Lord.

I firmly believe that God gives more and better things than what we already have. Thus, it has become my personal goal and conviction to create and run my business with three ends in mind (1) to cater to the employment of those who are in need, (2) to give worker's wage higher than the prevailing standards, and (3) to

provide a working environment that will permit a higher standard of living for my employees and their families. But above all, to use my business, time, talent and treasure to glorify God and fulfill the purpose He has for me

I can boldly say that there is no secrecy in my business and that I uphold

the beauty of transparency. In the beginning of any transaction, I bare all since I believe that secrecy is tantamount to lying. And, it is in the transparent dealing that the contract is made.

In my own marketplace, I would like to show and make a clear stand that **honesty** is the foundation of all values. I want to share my

ideas because I wish to share in my own simple ways sparks of inspiration that might ignite my brothers and sisters to hold on and cling to our Heavenly Father to improve their own personal lives.

Others have an impression of me being boastful. But I am just being true to my self as I take pride take pride in the enormous blessings God has given me.

God gave, gives and will give us everything. Let us learn to be good stewards for these gifts and seek the welfare of our brothers and sisters.

Now, I know that the ultimate goal of becoming rich is to help others. And, as a BCBP member, the genuine measurement of success is in having quality time with my family and in giving time in the service of GOD our provident and loving Father.

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BCBP Santiago Chapter can trace back its roots to BCBP Las Pinas Chapter. This happened when BCBP Las Pinas Chapter introduced and eventually established the Brotherhood to BCBP Tuguegarao Chapter, our mother chapter, which in turn shepherded us to gain our chapterhood.

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