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"Bringing Christ into the Marketplace
and Winning the Marketplace for Christ"



**Brotherhood
of Christian
Businessmen
and
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Mactan Chapter



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Chapter Leaders Plan for 2015

On November 15-16, 2014, fifty-nine leaders gathered at the beautiful Easy Vacation House, Sugod, Cebu for an overnight planning session.

The group headed by in-coming CH Orly Manuel trooped to the venue after the men's breakfast and had their ready to eat lunch there. Two couples from Bogo Outreach joined the activity.

The weekend plan-



Incoming CH, Orly Manuel, leads the planning session

ning started in the afternoon with a praise and worship. It was more work than fun. In fact the men got carried away by their discussion, they stayed

until the early hours of the next morning.

The ladies on the other hand did have their own fun and

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BCLP1 and 2 Graduates Celebrate Their 20th Year

Despite the short notice, more than thirty of BCLP 1 and 2 graduates came to fellowship at Kaona Grill, Lahug, Cebu City on November 9.

The very powerful praise and worship led by Casi Nadela brought the group back to the earlier days of BCBP Mactan where powerful praise and worship brings goose bumps and tears to the



Starting the fellowship with praise and worship

members.

While enjoying the food, members shared jokes, reminisced and

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A heart that appreciates every blessing is always better than eyes that see what is missing. Let our blessings be the reason to celebrate life .



Chapter Leaders... (continued from page 1)



The Formation Team

learning moments as they prepared snacks, dinner, breakfast, and lunch with "chef" Sarah Manuel as their mentor. The fried rice, sinigang, sinugba and veggie salad tasted more yummy because they were prepared with love and a lot of laughter.

with budget allocation, were presented by each Directorate to the whole group the following day. After some comments and reactions, the directorates regrouped to finalize the plans.

A lunch fellowship with the crunchy Sugod "lechon", ended the planning session.

Plans for 2015, complete



The Bogo Outreach Team



Each team presented their proposed plan for 2015



The Mission Team



The ladies who kept everyone well fed and cared for.



The PSD Team



The beautiful venue, Easy Vacation House, Sugod, Cebu.

Sometimes flowers grow best in the sun, others do well in the shade, God always put us where we grow best and gives us good people to grow with .



BCLP1 and 2 ... (continued from page 1)



Mactan BCLP 1 and 2 graduates committing in Nov 1994

shared happy and beautiful memories, revealed deep emotions only true brothers and sisters do.

The night was made even memorable with the presence of Cleofe Cornelio, BCLP2 graduate, who planed in from Canada that afternoon. She came home for vacation after eight years of being away. Though still on jet lag, she came to join the fun.



The active BCLP 1 and 2 graduates after 20 years



Enjoying the sumptuous dinner while lively reminiscing the past

Chapter Conducts Life Sharing Workshop

Thirty-three governance team members including the senior leaders attended the Breakfast Sharers Workshop held at the Crown Regency Suites on November 8, 2014.

The workshop aimed to orient the group on how to prepare a life sharing using the Focused Method.

AMD Nelson Dauz discussed the mechanics on how

to give a life sharing focused on a specific theme while Jun Gula made an actual presentation of how to write a powerful focused sharing.

All participants were committed to revise their sharing and were scheduled to share on the first quarter of 2015. The workshop already produced two powerful sharers this month.



The participants



One of the speakers, AMD Nelson Dauz

There's no greater joy than serving others, no greater inspiration than encouraging others, and no greater gift than a selfless heart.



Teaching Christian Service: Guidance

Gel Sanchez

- Allow the Holy Spirit to lead, there is need to discern and accept the leadings and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Not all have the same talents. Different services require different talents and it is not right to insist on handling a particular service function when one is not equipped for it, or when there are others who can better undertake it.
- **Basic Truths**
 1. God loves us and wants to know his will.
 2. He wants us to follow his will, which he will not hide from us.
 3. He wants us to expect that he will show us his will.
- **Trust I the Lord**
 - The Lord will show us what to do. Most often, he guides us through the group we are working or associated with, rather than through personal revelation, because service is normally done by a team.
 - Seek guidance from the Lord (Jeremiah 29 :12_13). It is in prayer that we communicate with the Lord and it is during prayer that the Lord speaks back.
 - Wisdom from the Lord (1 Corinthians 12:7-8). The Lord does not wish to leave us in ignorance. There are different gifts, different ministries and different works, so he provides us with the wisdom to recognize which abilities are appropriate for a particular service.
 - Seek advice from your leaders who are generally in a better situation to discern what is best for you.
- **Led by the Spirit**
 1. Guided by the word of God.
 2. Guided by the Church Jesus instituted.
 3. Guided by an educated Christian conscience.
 4. Following the examples of Jesus (1 Cor. 16:13-14).
 5. Aware how the Holy Spirit guides (1 Cor. 16:19).
 6. Responding quickly to the Holy Spirit's prodding.
- **The Ways God Guides**
 1. Through teachings (study of scripture; BCBP teachings; Church teachings).
 2. Through personal experience and wise advice of others.
 3. Growth of virtues (faith, hope, charity).
 4. The Lord's commandments.



Gel Sanchez



As we grow wiser we loosen our grasp on trying to be perfect in every way. We realize that it is more important to be human and happy than to be perfect but sad.



Advent and The Year of the Poor; What Does it Mean for Me?

Fr. Martin Okafor-Ilozue CSSp - BCBP Mactan BCLP19

Since the Pontificate of St. Pope John Paul II, the Church started dedicating each year to a doctrine, issue or the person of the Trinity for a detailed expose of what it means, and mostly also what it means for us. The new liturgical calendar that started last 29th of November, 2014 was dedicated to the poor, inviting all of us to make a preferential option to the poor people around us. Looking at the world statistics about poverty, it is scary and Philippine's figure is also mind boggling. The future of the number of people not making out of the poverty level is not encouraging. It is then fitting that greater attention is made to the issue of poverty in the world, helping us to know what we can do to turn the tide either in our lives or the lives of others.

"First and foremost, to fight for the good of the poor will begin with us"

In the scriptures the poor are always mentioned as people closer to God's heart, all the teachings clearly show us how to live with and treat people who are materially insufficient. First and foremost, to fight for the good of the poor will begin with us, not to allow ourselves to be poor by choosing the wrong lifestyle that bring about perpetually being a beggar or always hiding from the people we owe. Working hard in order to live above the poverty level and training our children well to make sure they are equipped to live a quality live in the future are some ways of working against poverty,

All the above ways and safeguards we do ourselves to keep us from being poor are all self love and hence lacking in merit. What will give it value is our effort to eradicate poverty on earth, and being proactive in the support of the transformation of our poor brothers and sisters. In this case, we will begin to be Christ-like and be part of the vision of the Church in the Philippines and the world to fight for the eradication of poverty in our society and the world at large.

For us who are already doing something for the welfare of the poor, the intention of the church is to urge us on in the noble work of charity. For those who are not yet involved, we are being urged to do something for the good of our poor brothers and sisters and to give God glory and honor through our actions.





CH Guy and Eden Ceniza

Chapter

Head's Message

Counting on the last days of my chapter headship I am reminded of the Scripture verse that inspired me to accept the calling to serve as chapter head three years ago. The same verse was used as theme for last month's chapter assembly.

Three years ago, I attended an early morning mass at the Basilica del Santo Nino seeking enlightenment as I discerned whether to accept the service or not. God spoke to me very clearly through the Gospel and the offertory song. In the gospel I heard: "Jesus rebuked Peter you of

little faith, why did you doubt?" During the offertory, "Here I am Lord" was sang. I fell on my knees and lifted everything to the Lord as I said yes.

By serving as chapter head of BCBP Mactan I thought I have fulfilled my childhood dream of serving the Lord which I failed to do when I chose marriage instead of priesthood. For me, the responsibility was a great experience that taught me many lessons especially in humility. Such virtue prepared me to do ordinary things as I go back to be an ordinary member of the Brotherhood. It also equipped me to witness for the Lord in my day to day dealings; bringing the love of the Lord to my household, the marketplace that I belong and to all those that I may encoun-

ter as I journey through life.

As I am about to reach the finish line I thought I can sit down and relax. I realized though that service to God has no term and does not end.

As we enter the season of Advent and prepare for Christmas, I hope and pray that we won't be eaten up by the commercialism attached to it. Rather we look at how Jesus offered himself in service to mankind because of His great love. As such our little help to those who need it most will bring the light of hope so that others may feel the warmth of Christ love and joyfully we can say "Here I am Lord" sharing a little of the great love you have shown us.



The Secret of Abundance

Christmas is here again. It is the merry season of Christmas carols, blinking lanterns and Christmas lights. It is also the time to party and celebrate. Most of all it is the season when we give more that we use to.

Even this early the Lord used me to come to the aid of two people who were put in an embarrassing situation.

At a mall, an elderly woman bought groceries in preparation for typhoon Ruby but the money

she had was short of the total amount of her purchase. I offered to pay the difference for I was moved with pity for her. I did the same for a man who could not even pay ten pesos for two 6-liter bottles at a water refilling station.

It is not what I did that mattered, but what the Lord did. The day I came to the aid of the elderly woman I withdrew an amount from my savings account. The following day I again withdrew an amount to buy groceries for our parish in case people would come for shelter



during the typhoon. Amazingly my account balance remained the same like no withdrawal was made the day before.

Now I found the secret of abundance. Give and give and give. No one gets poor by giving, for God cannot be outdone in generosity.

Merry Christmas everyone! 

It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived. May your goodness be scattered like seeds that grow and give hope to many.



December 2014 Activities, Birthday & Anniversary Celebrants

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Ethel Angana Adi & Del Comar	4 Rene Recamara	5 First Friday Mass & Teaching Rene&Susan Recamara	6 Breakfast - Mens
7 Second Sunday of Advent Sam & Jovy Sanchez	8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ching Sagarino	9 Resty Baclayon	10 Gina Solon	11 Tex Bulambot Grace Casinillo	12 Assembly	13 Breakfast - Joint Cebu Region New Leaders Installation
14 Third Sunday of Advent Nery Gula	15 Alan&Maribeth Leda Euly Cayude	16 Lor Aringay	17	18 Tim&Spouse Caquejo	19 Rene Macasero Paul Lagumbay	20
21 Fourth Sunday of Advent	22 Danilo&Caryl Cosgafa	23 Toto Chato Caryl Cosgafa Vic Ocon	24 Glenn Tajanlangit	25 Christmas Day Jessica Tajanlangit	26 Endie&Marivic Cuizon	27 Evie Bugtong
28 Feast of the Holy Family	29	30	31 Alan Leda Agnes Pusta Martin&Agnes Pusta			

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Anniversaries	Birthdays	Activities
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Christmas Day Prayer

by Apollo 8 astronaut Frank Borman, 1968



Apollo 8: Day Four in the mission, 74 hours, 50 minutes, and 7 seconds
Frank Borman:

Give us, O God, the vision which can see thy love in the world in spite of human failure. Give us the faith to trust the goodness inspite of our ignorance and weakness. Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts, and show us what each one of us can do to set forth the coming of the day of universal peace. Amen.



Life is at its weakest when there is more doubt than trust. But life is at its strongest when you learn how to trust God inspite of all doubts.



BRINGING CHRIST INTO THE MARKETPLACE AND WINNING THE MARKETPLACE FOR CHRIST

The BCBP is a community of like-minded Christian businessmen and professionals who have consciously decided to band together to bring about the transformation of the marketplace

BREAKFAST

Venue: Crown Regency Suites

Weekly Schedule: Saturday, 7:30 - 10:00 AM

1st Wk: Men's 2nd Wk: Joint (Men's & Ladies)

3rd Wk: Men's 4th Wk: Simultaneous (Men's & Ladies)

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November 2014 Breakfast Sharers



Athel Estella (November 8)

BCBP Cebu-Central

"I was denied by my biological father in front of the court... why would he want to see me after decades of absence in my life?... He may have abandoned me as a father, but as a son, I could not turn my back on him."



Baby Dauz (November 8)

BCBP Mactan

"When they were young, we, mothers, can always come to their rescue. Now that my son is already grown up, there is only little that I can do. All I did was to pray fervently to God. And in His time, God answered my prayer."



Julius Toledo (November 15)

BCBP Cebu-South

"Both of us were too proud to admit our mistakes and we were not ready to make sacrifices for each other... we attended the Brotherhood marriage retreat... with God's help both of us will humble ourselves in accepting our faults and be willing to sacrifice"



Willy and Joy Lozano (November 22)

BCBP Mactan

"As an engineer I am used to planning. I do the same with my life. I charted my own course believing that everything is under my control. I failed to consider that there is Someone greater than me – Someone who knows best."



Felix Angana (November 29)

BCBP Mactan

"In every man's life we experience carrying heavy burdens too much to bear like I did once. It felt like being in a long dark tunnel with no signs of light breaking through. I almost lost hope."

The hardest lessons and problems in life are also the most precious ones. Because they force us to face our weakness and fears. But above all, they unleash hidden strengths we never knew we had.