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## Be Missionaries for Christ - Pope



The Great Commission by Jesus Christ to His followers more than 2,000 years ago was audibly echoed by His Holiness Pope Francis to a throng of six million Filipino faithful at the Quirino grandstand, and millions of others watching via television in what was seen as the largest commissioning of Catholic Christians to proclaim the Lord's message of love to the rest of the world.

Pope Francis, who took the Philippines by storm in his first ever visit to the only pre-

dominantly Christian nation in Asia last January 15-19, brought the nation to a grinding halt, as millions of Roman Catholics, visibly electrified by the first papal visit in twenty years,

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**Go and preach the Gospel to all creation - Mk 16:14**

# BCBP at Pope meet with families

The Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals (BCBP) were on hand to welcome his Holiness Pope Francis during his scheduled meet with families at the MoA Arena on January 16, in his second day here in the Philippines.

BCBP Makati joined other brothers and sisters representing different BCBP chapters in Luzon, to get a close glimpse of the Pope as he motored along the streets leading to the arena.

The Friday activity was a gathering of different selected families who shared with Pope Francis their stories of faith in strengthening the family bonds, and serving the Lord in their parishes and communities.

The MoA arena was filled with people, mostly from different charismatic communities who waited for the Pope's arrival since early morning of Friday.



It's a family affair as the Pope meets families at MoA. Seen with their families are Topy and Susan Vasquez, Francis and Shasha Dumla, Syan and Mara Vasquez, Larry and Irene Arceo.



Ladies from Makati BCBP seen at the MoA were Marlene Abarratigue, Liza Aquino, Cherry Bacomo, Tess Silbor, Lala Dy, Irene Arceo, Odette Angara, Vilma Valero. The brother standing far right is Jiggs Mateo of BCBP Ortigas.



Men of BCBP (From left): Brothers Bobby Estebanlar, Danny Silbor, Lito Ladlad, Andy Tugay, Danny Dy, Joel Tolentino, Jasper James 'Perdong' Pareja.

# Serving the hungry, thirsty at MoA...

Hungry and thirsty for God-inspired messages coming from the visiting Pope Francis, BCBP members trooped to the MoA Arena.

They also wanted to get as close a view of the Vicar of Christ.

But some BCBP members from Makati unexpectedly found themselves serving the crowd that had grown hungry and thirsty, awaiting all day for the Pope to arrive at the MoA arena on Friday January 16, 2015.

Being in the area BCBP Makati members gladly extended their services in selling drinks at the open parking beside the arena.

Sis Karen Tinio recounted their experience: "Our group was hoping to get a strategic location to see our dear Pope, but instead we found ourselves helping sell soft-drinks & mineral water to the crowd with only one staff from SM....Feeling a blessing to others""



What a pleasant surprise! Sis Eve Segui looks amused responding to an instant call to service lending a hand to a lone mall staffer in selling drinks to other pilgrims who were thirsty. At left is Sis Cleofe Sanchez.



Happy servants: Eve Segui, Karen Tinio, Floren Ballares, Ising and Johnny Taroy, and Cesar Rubin.



Smiling faces at MoA for Pope Francis: Johnny Epong, Topy Vasquez, Sheila Ramos, and Jane Icasas.



A "Pope Effect" makes one sport the most pleasant, welcoming smile there is. From left: Essa and Bernard Dy, Edmund and Millie Dy, Danny Dy and Eddie Ibazeta.

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eagerly welcomed the Pontiff by swarming the roadways of his convoy.

In the Pope's homily at the Quirino grandstand that climaxed his eventful five-day pilgrimage Pope Francis said: "May the Lord Jesus continue to bless the Philippines and sustain the Christians of this great nation in their vocation to be witnesses and missionaries of the Joy of the Gospel in Asia and in the whole world."

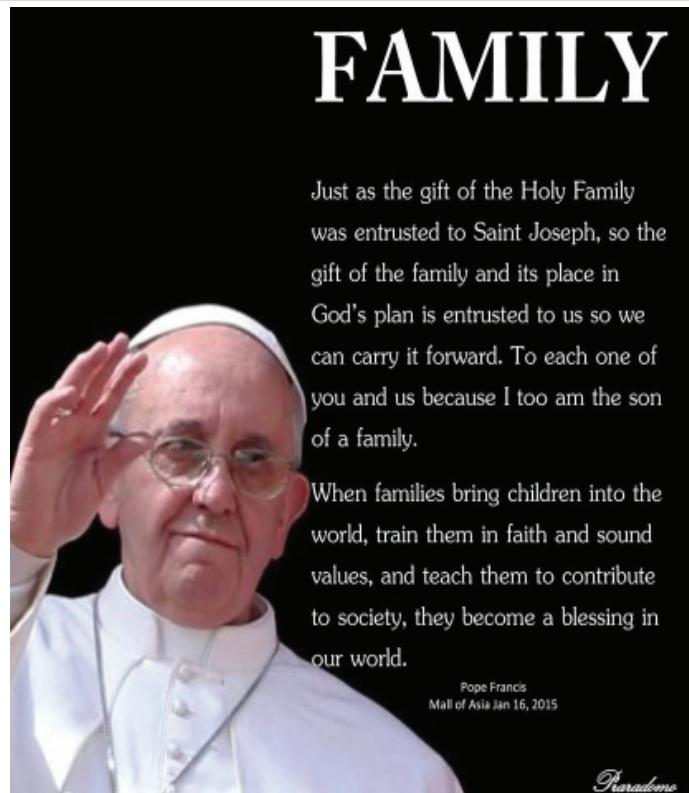
In commissioning Filipinos as missionaries to the world, the Pope said: "My dear brothers and sisters, we received this light in baptism, and were entrusted to keep this light burning brightly. We were to spread this light when we were confirmed. Keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts. Walk away as children of the Light. This is the mission of every Christian, to spread

the Light and to Tell the world of God's love."

The Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals has responded to the call of the Holy Father in embarking on a massive effort to evangelize and tell others of Christ's love not only in the Philippines but elsewhere in the world.

BCBP has opened chapters and outreach-es in North America like the U.S. and Canada, and here in Asia.

At the Holy mass at the Quirino Grand-stand which also com-memorated the feast of the Sto. Nino (the child Jesus) Pope Francis sent a message to Filipinos: "I commend you to the Lord Jesus, who came among us as a child. May He enable all the beloved people of this country to work together, protecting one another, begin-ning with your families



Just as the gift of the Holy Family was entrusted to Saint Joseph, so the gift of the family and its place in God's plan is entrusted to us so we can carry it forward. To each one of you and us because I too am the son of a family.

When families bring children into the world, train them in faith and sound values, and teach them to contribute to society, they become a blessing in our world.

Pope Francis  
Mall of Asia Jan 16, 2015

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and communities, in building a world of jus-tice, integrity and peace."

Wherever Pope Fran-cis went, countless Filipi-nos trooped to the streets with that unique brand of Filipino hospitality.

The Pope did not fail

to observe the genu-ine gestures that he saw among the crowds that greeted him.

From day one of his visit, the Pope was literally swarmed by an enthusiastic, but disciplined crowd wherever he went .

## Bro Francis with Pope Francis



Bro Francis and Sis Shasha Dumla with kids Franco (9), Andres (7) and Chesca (5) (Lanna at home, 10 months old) meet Pope Francis at the MoA.



Nana Dy (Danny and Lala's daughter) brought her special message for the Pope.

# Tacloban experience a miracle for Bro Rey

In his life, Bro. Rey Kangleon has been given countless, unexpected free tickets by the Lord that brought him to where he is today.

And even to this day, the Lord continues to give him free tickets.

The latest was his surprise free ticket to Tacloban to have a close view of Pope Francis celebrating mass with the victims of Yolanda.

Bro Rey, who recently shared at the Makati breakfast, recalled he did not expect to have any extraordinary encounter with the visiting Pope.

But a few days before the Pope's scheduled visit

to Tacloban, Bro. Rey was given the task of accompanying the statue of Our Lady of the Poor which was to be brought to Tacloban while Pope Francis was there.

Among the activities of the Pope in Tacloban was to launch the Pope Francis shelter for the poor. The image of Our Lady of the Poor was to be given to this project.

Thus, Bro. Rey just found himself with a free ticket to Tacloban to hear mass celebrated by Pope Francis.

Nothing short of a miracle, to be added to the many "free tickets" he has received from the Lord.

## Sharing a life of 'free tickets'



Its a lifetime of "free tickets" from the Lord, says Bro Rey when he shared in the Makati breakfast last January 21, 2015 at the Makati Sports Club at Leviste St. BCBP Makati holds a breakfast sharing every Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m., a tradition observed since the BCBP was founded in 1980. Photo shows Bros. Ricky Siton (CH), Joey Avellana (Nat'l President), Rey Kangleon, and Jesan Nacario (Breakfast Head).

## *A date for couples at MoA*



Josie and Tito Serafica



Jun and Beth Ginete



Jay and Joy Uy

# BCBP Taguig Outreach spreading God's Word



The Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals (BCBP) on its 35th year pursues the commission of the Holy Father to continue to spread the Joy of the Gospel. The BCBP in Taguig, an outreach of the Makati Chapter, continues with its evangelization through the regular breakfast sharings every Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at the Sunshine Kitchen in Bonifacio Global City. Seen above are the regular attendees of the Saturday breakfast including Charles Bunyi, Greg and Cielo Aruelo, Jay and Carol Cruz, Francis and Shasha Dumlaao, Lito Ladlad, Andy and Alvy Sebastian, Geof and Edith Vilella, Danny Silbor, Gen Castillo, Eddie and Vangie Ibazeta, Annie Gregorio, Anarie Reyes, Cherry Eribal, Bernie Aro, Dindo Ibazeta, George Elias, Moi Swinton, Efren Reyes, Tony Santos, Jeric Gustilo, Jerome Evangelista, Andy and Michelle Tugay, Erwin Barawid, Dindo Rellos, among others.

## Fr. Francis at First Friday



Fr. Francis Gustilo

Fr. Francis Gustilo, will officiate the First Friday mass of Makati BCBP on February 6, 2015 at the Santuario de San Antonio at 7 p.m. and share his insights on the recent visit of Pope Francis.



Nat'l Formation Head Ronnie & Mari Caballero at the regional breakfast of BCBP Bacolod

## Worship workshop set March 21-22



The Worship Ministry buckles down to work to prepare for the First Friday Mass of the year, led by Cheng and Lucy Legaspi. Present were Marivic Ochoa, Eric and Karen Tinio, Danny and Tess Silbor, Danny, Lala & Franco Dy, Andy and Michelle Tugay, Rico and Honey Tirona, Leo and Cleofe Sanchez, Jay and Ruby Dejaresco, Ricky and Mimi Siton, Ponz and Marj, Oca and Floren Ballares, Chito Constantino, Jesan Nacario, Christine Fuentez. A two-day worship workshop will be held in Mornese Retreat house in Calamba Laguna on March 21 and 22. Those interested to join may contact Tita Lucy.

## Makati Servants hold 1st AG meet



Makati BCBP Servants, the new governing team hold their first Action Group meeting at the Siton residence in Merville. They hold an action group meet of praise and worship once a month. Due to pressing organizational concerns, plans were taken up in the agenda. Present were Ricky and Mimi Siton (CH), Bernard and Essa Dy (Mission), Jun and Beth Ginetone (Formation), Jay and Ruby Dejaresco (PSD), Ed and Chunie Flores (treasurer), Jay Uy (Secretariat), Unit leaders Rey Kangleon, Eric and Karen Tinio, Cesar and Russel Rubin, Ian and Christine Fuentez.

## Training for Unit, Action Group Leaders set

The Makati BCBP through the Formation Team will conduct a training for Unit and Action Group Leaders on the proper manner of conducting unit and action group meetings, on Saturday February 7, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Tiara Hotel 7248 Malugay cor. Talisay Sts. in Makati City .

Participants for the training are the present unit leaders, action group leaders, assistant action group leaders of BCBP Makati and Taguig Outreach.

Earlier however, members from other chapters had signified to participate in this Makati activity.

Topics to be discussed in the training include:

- (a) The role of AGL and AGL wife;
- (b) The Role of UL and its link with the governance;
- (c) Typical action group meeting schedule and the various topics available for action group meetings;
- (d) assignment of action group treasurer and collection of tithes.

The aim of the training is to familiarize and enhance the manner of conducting meetings, praise and worship with members.

The training also aims to maintain uniformity in the pattern of conducting the meetings.

## **ADVOCACY:**

# **BCBP Time is being On Time**

We, BCBP members never get tired of thinking up of ways to make our community stronger, better and more relevant to today's demands not only within our community but also in our individual workplace, businesses and environment.

BCBP in 2013 has launched the campaign "BCBP Time Is On Time".

So, why is being on time very important to all of us?

Horace Mann, an American education reformer and politician says "Unfaithfulness in the keeping of an appointment is an act of clear dishonesty. you may as well borrow a person's money as his time."

Benjamin Franklin says "You may delay, but time will not"

William Shakespeare says "Better be 3 hours too soon than one minute late."

The Holy Scriptures in 1 Peter 2:17 "Show proper respect to everyone."

Being on time means you respect the time of others; you are being considerate. While being late makes one unreliable; it is a way of saying that our time is more valuable than the time of the persons who waited for us. It is also a sign of poor time management.

Time management has always been a problem for most of us – it's either we are guilty of keeping someone waiting or we are the ones who are waiting.

BCBP thus pushes its campaign: "BCBP Time Is On Time".

It will not be as easy as

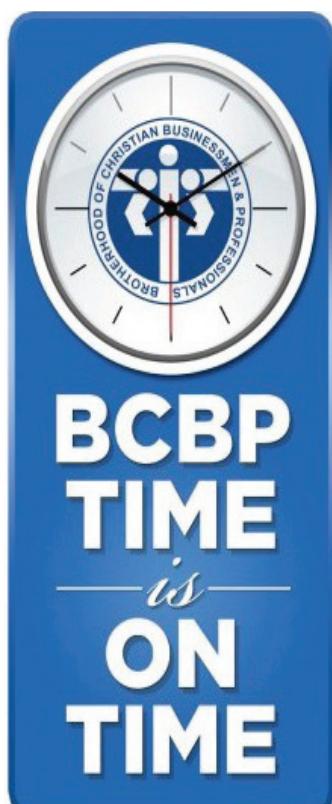
## **February: Love Month**



it may sound, but practice makes perfect. And before long, our activities will be more enjoyable, more vibrant as we have more time for fellowships. We will be better in what we do in our

workplace as we become models for punctuality.

One churchgoer says, "How will you strengthen your FAITH if you are always LATE?" (Bro Bert Masiclat NSC, PSD)



## **An Audience with San Antonio Parish Priest**



The Makati Servants paid a courtesy visit to Fr. Reu Jose Galoy (left), parish priest of San Antonio Parish in Forbes Park, as BCBP Makati returns to the parish to hold its regular chapter activities. BCBP Makati transferred the venue of its activities when the parish underwent renovations. Fr. Galoy welcomed the return of BCBP, and eyed coordinations with the various ministry activities of the parish. Seen above are Ricky Siton (CH) and Bernard Dy (Mission).