



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

Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals

Mactan Chapter



Dust Thou Art,
and Unto Dust
Shalt Thou Return

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BCBP Continues Crusade in Confronting Corruption



l-r: Jourdan Polotan - BCBP Cebu Central, moderates the Panel Discussion, and the panelists; Joey Avellana - BCBP National President, Ms. Ma. Teresa B. Chan - President of Cebu Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Prof. Ronald Mendoza - Exec Director of AIM Policy Center, Former Senator Joey Lina - President of Manila Hotel, & Atty. Alex Lacson - President of Solidarity for Transformation Phils.

Keeping up with its mantra of Changing the Face of Business, by Bringing Christ into the Marketplace and Winning the Marketplace for Christ, the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals (BCBP) realizes it can only do so if Corruption, one of the greatest ills of our society and considered as one of the root causes of all other social injustices, can be abated if not completely eradicated.

And so last February 28, under the auspices of the BCBP National Committee, with the cooperation of The Asian Institute of Management (AIM) Alumni Association, BCBP Cebu held a **Development and Breakfast Forum** with the theme **Corruption: Changing Our Business, Changing Our Lives**.

Corruption: Changing Our Business, Changing Our Lives. The event held at the Grand Convention Center, Cebu City was very successful with a sell-out crowd estimated to be far above 500, not only by members of all the BCBP Cebu chapters and outreaches but by dignitaries from the Cebu business community as well as from the local government units. It was the second event of its kind for BCBP, the first one was held in Manila last August 16, 2014.

Everyone not only received their fill of the sumptuous breakfast but received doses of very enlightening and thought-provoking corruption-related topics delivered by distinguished guest

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Forgiveness will not undo the past. We cannot change anything that has happened. But forgiveness changes something in the way we see life right now. It leaves room for hope to flourish, for broken relationships to be reconciled and for painful wounds to heal.

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speakers who themselves are prime movers in the fight against corruption.

The first speaker, Prof. Ron Mendoza, Executive Director of AIM Policy Center, in his topic *Good Governance is Good Economics*, gave light on the level and gravity of corruption. He detailed when and where does it thrive, the scourge plaguing the country dating as far back as 20 decades ago, committed by the highest, most powerful and influential personalities of the land, down to the lowest barangay resident with civil authority positions.

Manila Hotel President Joey Lina, former DILG Secretary, former Senator and former Laguna Governor, in his topic *Don't Be Just Against Corruption: Support Reforms* narrated how he, by doing God's will, performed his duties honestly and transparently as can be despite the so many temptations and coercions to commit otherwise. The articulate *SagoKita* movement leader further urged everyone present not just to be passively against corruption but to passionately join any and all reforms and movements to curb it, citing that as Christians it is our moral obligation.

Last but not the least of the speakers was Atty. Alex Lacson, President of Solidarity for Transformation Phils. and author of the best selling book titled: "12 Little Things Every Filipino Can Do to Help Our Country". In his topic *Building Bridges of Hope Amid Corruption*, he cited various suggested course of actions and guidelines, as well as anti-corruption reform movements and cause-oriented groups for anyone who is impassioned to actively join the crusade against the evil forces of corruption.

Panel discussions followed right after the talks with the three speakers joined by BCBP National President Joey Avellana and Ms. Ma. Teresa Chan, Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) President, as panelists. A number of questions were posed by the attendees and were well answered by the panelists. Ms. Chan also gave her comments and reactions, and in behalf of the Cebu Business Community committed to include the fight against corruption not only for honesty and integrity in the private sector, but in the government as well, as one of their forthcoming advocacies. Former CCCI President Ben Dapat also gave his comments, reactions and posed some questions to the speakers. Mr. Virgilio Espeleta, CEO and founder of FAMCOR, a pioneer firm specializing in family business consulting, delivered messages of thanks. He is also a member of a large religious community in Cebu, the Bukas Loob sa Diyos (BLD) Covenant Community.

For sure the attendees went about their respective ways well informed, impassioned and emboldened to take active participation in fighting corruption.

KURAKOTS BEWARE!



Snap shots of the sell-out crowd in attendance

Ganito Kami Sa Mactan Kapag Valentines

As fittingly coined by one of the elders of BCBP Mactan, on Saturday, February 14, the chapter held its simple but love-filled Valentines breakfast fellowship. Young ones, as well as "young once" members came dressed in various shades of red, the color of love. Romeos and Juliets young and old alike showed up doling out extra brotherly and sisterly love to each and everyone, and receiving lots in return.

This is just one proof that indeed there is never a dull nor boring moment in community life. Valentines day is not only for young romantic couples, but for everyone capable of giving and receiving genuine love. A love as thought by God the Father and modeled by Jesus

Christ. A love that knows no bounds, nor bounded by age or status. A love that is ready to sacrifice one's life so that others may live.

HAPPY VALENTINES!



BCBP Mactan greets everyone a Happy Valentines

Every new day brings new chances to grow, new beauty to see, places to go and goals to pursue. Every new day's a step on the way to your dreams.

Don't Splurge On Meatless Fridays - Pope Francis Says



VATICAN CITY

Real fasting isn't just restricting food choices, it must also include cleansing the heart of all selfishness and making room in one's life for those in need and those who have sinned and need healing, Pope Francis said.

Faith without concrete acts of charity is not only hypocritical, "It is dead; what good is it?" he said, criticizing those who hide behind a veil of piety while unjustly treating others, such as denying workers fair wages, a pension and health care.

Being generous toward the church, but selfish and unjust toward others "is a very serious sin: It is using God to cover up injustice," he said Feb. 20 during his homily in a morning Mass celebrated in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where he lives.

The pope's homily was based on the day's reading from the Book of Isaiah in which God tells His people He does not care for those who observe penance passively — bowed "like a reed," lying quietly in a "sackcloth and ashes."

Instead, God says He desires to see His people crying out "full-throated and unsparingly" against injustice and sin, "setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless." In the reading, God also points out the hypocrisy of the faithful who fast, but treat their workers badly and fight and quarrel with others.

Pope Francis said Lent is about fulfilling all commandments both to-

ward God and others, according to reports from Vatican Radio and the Vatican newspaper.

Lent is not about the formal observance of "doing a little whatever" and not eating meat on Fridays, while giving oneself free reign to "grow in selfishness, exploit others and ignore the poor," he said.

There might be someone who thinks, "Today is Friday, I can't eat meat, but I'm going to have a nice plate of seafood, a real banquet," which, while appearing to be an abstinence from meat, is the sin of gluttony, the pope said.

Another person might say: "I am a great Catholic, Father, I like it a lot. I always go to Mass every Sunday, I receive Communion," to which, the pope said he would reply, "Great, and how is your relationship with your workers? Do you pay them under the table? Do you give them a fair wage? Do you contribute toward their pension? To their health insurance and social services?"

Some people may regularly make financial contributions to the church, but, the pope asked, how generous are they toward their loved ones and their dependents? Are they generous and just to them, too, he asked.

People cannot "make offerings to the church on the back of injustice," he said. "It is not a good Christian who doesn't do justice to the people who depend on him" and who does not "deprive himself of something essential for him in order to give it to another who is in need.

"This is the distinction between formal and real," he said, which Jesus underlined, too, when He con-

demned the Pharisees and doctors of the law, who adhered to "many external observances but without the truth of the heart."

Unfortunately, he said, many "men and women have faith but they separate the tablets of law," that is, they obey the first Commandments and obligations to God while ignoring or being selective about the rest of the Commandments concerning others.

"They are united: Love toward God and love to your neighbor are one, and if you want to practice real, not formal, penance, you have to do it before God and also with your brother and sister, your neighbor," he said.

The pope asked that during Lent people think about what they can do for people who are in very difficult situations, for example, to help "children and the elderly who don't have the possibility of being seen by a doctor."

Perhaps they have to wait "eight hours to be seen and then they give them an appointment for the week after," he said.

"What will you do for these people? What will your Lent be like?"

He also asked people to make room in their hearts for those who have sinned, those who "have made mistakes and are in jail."

To those who may protest about associating with people who have been imprisoned, the pope said, "He is in jail, but you — if you are not in jail, it is because the Lord helped you to not fall." Pray for them, he said, so that the Lord may help them turn their lives around.

(source: Catholic News Service)



Do not feel bad that people remember you only when they need you. Feel privileged that you are like a candle that comes to their mind when there is darkness in their lives.

If You O Lord Should Mark Our Guilt, Who Will Survive? (Psa 130:3)

Fr Martin Okafor-Ilozue CSSp - BCBP Mactan BCLP 19



This message is about **LENT**, a period of repentance and penance before God. Lent is here again, a time for us to pause, a time to come down from the high horses of our human arrogance inflated by the comfort of our material possessions and power. It is time to remind ourselves of the difficult-to-swallow but painful reality that we are here today gone tomorrow, that we are dust and unto dust we shall return. On Ash Wednesday, the priest will put the ashes on the forehead of all worshippers repeating the words to each worshipper, *"Remember that thou art dust and unto dust thou shall return"*. Nothing could evoke a greater sense of **Lord have mercy** than these words. The prophets, Amos, Jonah and Joel among others present us with the most dramatic encounter between the love and mercy of God and His justice at this time.

The prophet Amos stridently indicted the people of Israel because they had become blinded by prosperity and turned their backs on the poor. The rich were not content with their wealth as a blessing from God. Their wealth also elicited a false sense of visible holiness as shown by the outward show of fear of God, keeping the Sabbath and other holy days. But all this was a cover for evil because deep down, according to Amos, they said: *We can hardly wait for the holy days to be over so we can sell our corn. When will the Sabbath be over so that we can start selling again? Then we can overcharge, use false measures, and tamper with the scales to cheat our customers. We can sell our worthless wheat for a high price. We'll find the poor person who can't pay his debts, not even the*

price of a pair of sandals, and we'll buy him as a slave (Amos 8:5-6).

Jonah on the other hand helps us appreciate how God's love and mercy trumps our human waywardness and foibles. Despite Jonah's reluctance, God is able to overlook the sins of the people and grant them forgiveness. This does not seem reasonable to Jonah, a man with a rather bad temper. His temperament explodes over something he had no power over (a plant), a sharp contrast to the patience, mercy and love which is shown in God's forgiveness of the people of Nineveh who had sinned so much (Jonah 3:10).

This shows that the mercy of God is the fulfillment of His Justice. In Joel, we see the call of a loving God to a wayward people seduced by sin. God's appeal in the book of Joel draws attention to the fact that God sees beyond human hypocrisy and dubious religiosity. Thus, God says: *Repent sincerely and return to me with fasting and weeping and mourning. Let your broken heart show your sorrow, tearing your clothes is not enough (Joel 2:12).*

It is rather sad that today, Christians have become rather slack and nonchalant over their personal and community obligations in the Lenten season. The Catholic Church has laid out a series of devotions for this period such as the Stations of the Cross, the recitation of the Rosary, Fasting and Abstinence, etc.

Today however, we seem to merely gloss past this important period which calls for deep individual, family and community introspection.

Lenten message of Bishop Matthew Hassan Kukah, current Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sokoto, province of Kaduna in Nigeria.



This is why the Sacrament of Penance, Confession or Reconciliation, which today suffers the same neglect should be moved to the front burner by all Catholics. Imagine if we all seriously spared a thought to examine what we have done as individuals to bring our country to where it is today, one way or the other. When we as Catholics say, behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world before the Eucharist (Jn. 1:29), we are re-affirming our unworthiness, but also repeating an old custom which Moses enacted on behalf of the people of Israel every year.

On the feast of Atonement each year, the high priest of ancient Israel used to take two goats into the temple in Jerusalem. He would slaughter one for sacrifice and on the other, he would confess the sins of the people of Israel and send the goat to the desert with the sins of the people. The people then would go home with the belief that their sins had been taken away when the goat is released and driven into the desert. (This is the origin of the word scapegoat, the goat has escaped).

Atonement was, another way of saying, at-one-ment, that is, returning to God, believing that forgiveness has now made us one with God. We therefore atone for our sins so we can renew this relationship.

This is the heart of the Lenten season, a period that the Church sets apart for us as Christians to each seek closeness to God. Today, as we face a set of new trials, the idea of the scapegoat has become paramount in our

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Patience with others is love. Patience with self is hope. Patience with God is faith. With God's grace may we live each day full of patience.

If You O Lord ... *(continued from page 4)*

vocabulary. We have lined up all kinds of scapegoats among us whom we believe are responsible for our woes. We believe that they are the ones who should flee with our sins into the desert so that our country can prosper. Some of these scapegoats are the politicians, the military, the civil servants, the priests and ministers and other public officers and so on. Almost everyone except ourselves. Do we not believe that corruption is what happens when powerful people steal huge sums of money but not when we cheat the bus conductor by not paying? Have we not come out with accusing fingers that the elections were rigged when our candidate lose, but call the others crybabies when they complain of cheating when their candidate loses against ours?

The Lord also warns against false prophets who seduce us with their lies and deceptions. Of these prophets, the Lord has said loudly: *The prophets are telling lies in My Name. I did not send them nor did I give them any orders to speak a word. The visions they talk about have not come from Me; their predictions are worthless things that they have imagined* (Jer. 14:14). The Lord Himself repeats this warning in the same book of Jeremiah when He warned these fake prophets further: *If they had known My secret thoughts, then they could have proclaimed My message to My people and could have made them give up their evil lives and leave and the wicked things they do...How much longer will these prophets mislead My people? ... My message is like a fire and a hammer that breaks rocks in pieces* (Jer. 23:22,26,29).

Prophecy is no substitute for diligence, hard work and doing the will of God through prayer. In a convoluted environment such as ours where

there is no respect for laws and due process, dubious prophesy can become the quintessential opium to seduce the unsuspecting and those desperate for power at all cost. Ours is a long road. But for us as men and women of faith, this Lenten period our main contribution should be to turn to God in prayer and supplication while doing our civic duties diligently. No amount of human preparedness can guarantee us the peaceful outcome we are hoping for. Happily for us as Christians, Jesus is the Prince of Peace. This is the time to turn to Him in prayer. Our fears and anxieties are understandable, but our God is able and we have the history of our salvation on our side. This is why dubious prophecies distort and destroy the foundations of our faith. Unless we wash our garments free from sin and dip them in the waters of honesty and truth, our prayers will be useless before God who knows our intentions. God has always cleared the dark clouds of fear from His people and it is to Him that we now turn as we encounter trials and tribulations.

It was not the army of Israel that led them through the red sea. In faith, *Moses simply stretched out his hand and the waters were parted* (Exo 14:21). It was not the guns and the army that caused the walls of Jericho to fall. In faith, *the priests simply blew their trumpets* (Jos 6:20). Faced with the huge army from different tribes who had assembled to conquer his kingdom, and realizing his powerlessness, King Jehoshaphat simply said to God: *We do not know what to do, but we turn to you for help* (2 Chr 20:12). In faith, the people sang a simple song, *Praise the Lord, His love is eternal* (2 Chr 20:21). In the end, they won a war without a fight and in addition, God

gave them security on every side (2 Chr. 20:30).

After the death of Jesus, we are told that when Mary Magdalene and her friends set out to go and anoint the body of Jesus, their fear was, *Who will roll the (huge) stone away for us?* (Mk 16:13). They set out in faith and by the time they got there, they met an empty tomb.

Our God is able and faithful. Let us pray in earnest especially given the sacredness of this holy period that God will indeed give us victory. Our sins make us afraid of God's judgment, but His love is our assurance of His mercy. He has assured us that He does not keep record of our sins, because if He did, *indeed, who would survive?* (Ps 130:3). What is more, He has assured us that, *As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our sins* (Psa 103:12).

So, while some trust in chariots, we trust in the Name of the Lord (Psa 20:7). *That is why we must approach God's Throne of Grace with confidence* (Heb. 4:16). As we enter the Lenten season, let us endeavor to attend Mass daily, read the Word of God, recite the Rosary, reflect on the Stations of the Cross, fast and pray, seek God's gracious blessings for yourself, family, community and country.

May the almighty God, creator of Heaven and earth, to whom we turn in supplication, our hope in ages past, have mercy on us, bless and grant us peace now and for ever. This is God's moment for our country. It is also our moment of greatness. Let us not squander our destiny. I wish you a fulfilled Lenten season.



Do not ever try to search for a good person in this world. Instead, try to make yourself be one. Who knows, that may end someone's search.

Chapter Head's Message: Come, Let Us Make A Choice!

Orly Manuel - Chapter Head - BCBP Mactan BCLP 1



Our scripture readings the past days towards Lent, especially the various miraculous healings

done by our Lord Jesus gave us reflections that salvation is not to be the work of God alone, just as physical healings, most often, need human actions and cooperation. Simply by wishing it, Jesus could have done outright healings but no, Jesus had to touch the tongue of the deaf-mute brought to him for laying of his hand; a pagan woman had to beg Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter before she gained His favor; the leper had to declare, "if you so will, you can make me clean," before giving him His healing touch; the blind beggar had to shout out loud, "Son David, have

mercy on me." Clearly, choices and actions had to be made before the life-giving, and life-changing events occurred in the respective lives of people involved.

In the same manner, our life directions, in regard to our Christian renewal, active membership, and involvement in community activities; despite our commitments to the brotherhood, are charted by our own terms, our own time, our own way; directions we choose to make for ourselves and by ourselves. Our co-members, and our leaders, can only be likened to the four friends who lowered the paralytic from the roof. They can only be instruments, helping hands, and channels of graces of the Lord's ever flowing love, mercy, and compassion.

God's love for us and our desire

to love Him in return may propel us to make positive decisions. And yes, our kind of motivation matters a lot. And if it is borne out of gratitude and love for God, choices are made clearer and easier. Yet still, our moves, and our actions remain in our hands.

That is why perhaps, Houssaye, a French novelist, says in a love quote, "Tell me who you love and I will tell you who you are."

Indeed, knowing who you love, helps one simplify the choice; therefore, as brothers and sisters who profess to love and care for one another, we propose, and say, "Here are our open hands, extended out in love.... Come, let us make a choice, and let us journey together!"



God's Redeeming Grace

Nery Gula - BCBP Mactan BCLP 1



Working on the life sharing of brothers and sisters in the community is

like peering into the life of a person through a magnifying lens. It is like digging into the pit of human emotions where beautiful and happy memories are recalled; where long buried hurts and resentments, longings and aspirations, wrongdoings and sins are remembered and exposed.

I am privileged to be given this rare opportunity to know a person intimately as I dig deeper into the secret recesses of their private lives. In many instances, the more open the person is, the more powerful the sharing becomes.

And as I allow God to work His wondrous ways and use me, I am greatly amazed at how intricately God designed each human being. I realize that each person is a masterpiece with a unique story to tell.

And as I bring their life stories to the light of God's Redeeming Grace, the more I am awed at the immensity of God's love. Yes, God brings back the lost, binds up the wounded, heals the sick and the broken hearted, give light where there is darkness, deliverance to the oppressed and freedom to the captives. It takes only an open heart so that God will fill us with His redeeming grace.



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silent." His silence was more than silence; it was his way of praising, it was his temperament, his disposition; the abdication of the word before the unfathomable, as one writer would say. Most importantly, he carried out and fulfilled everything that God asked him to do faithfully, promptly, and wholeheartedly, even if he did not fully understand any of it. He never questioned God. He was a righteous man and he loved Jesus as his own son. Together with the BCBP intercessors who invoke St. Joseph's intercession for this month of March, let us continue to praise him and ask for his guidance as we face the challenges each day brings. Let us continue to be inspired of his story. St. Joseph, pray for us!



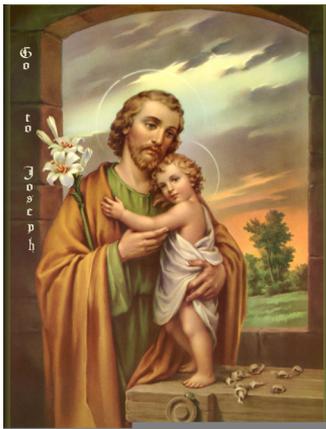
Life can be full of hardships and pain, but it is a garden of extraordinary beauty and joy. Let us downplay our troubles and magnify our blessings.

March 2015 Calendar of Activities, Birthday & Anniversary Celebrants

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 1 Man of the Month - Jhun Pardico Unit Sponsor - (B) Figueroa Jo dela Peña	2 Lorna Baguio	3	4 Rolly & Panpan Olalo	5	6 First Friday Mass Teaching Night	7 BCLP 22 & Bogo-BCLP Servants Training *Breakfast Fellowship
8	9-14 Action Group Meeting Week					
15 Berlyn Lomotos Glenda Ilad Panpan Olalo Vivian Rule	16	17 Junrey & Jessie Lou Cinco Luz Esguerra	18 Emile Erediano	19 Roland & Lina Tampus	20 Chapter Assembly	21 Lenten Recollection *Breakfast Fellowship
22 Boy & Nene Tampus	23-28 Action Group Meeting Week					
29 Palm Sunday Art Paalisbo Rajid dela Peña	30 Fig Monday Nelwin & Nova Valmorla Grace Pidor	31 Holy Tuesday Fe Ilagan	Louie Bolquerin	* Regional Breakfast Fellowship Glenn & Vilma Urdaneta Jerald & Kristine Roble		

Please inform the chapter secretariat of missed names or corrections

Intercessor of the Month: St Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church



Saint Joseph
 Feast Day: March 19

Many of us know St. Joseph as the spouse of Mary, as the foster father of Jesus, and most of all as a humble man of God. What we don't know is the fact that his name is invoked with the names of Jesus and Mary and together, they form the trinity on earth and the best role model of families.

The gospels give little information about him. He came from the line of David and took care of the holy Family in Bethlehem, Egypt and Nazareth. He became the breadwinner of his family as most fathers do. When he died, most probably before the first miracle at the wedding in Cana, Our Lord was beside him. Thus, he is the patron of a good and holy death. His job as a carpenter is mentioned only in the apocryphal gospels.

The church veneration of Joseph started rather late at the time of the Counter Reformation. It was greatly influenced by three saints who had a deep devotion to him; St. Theresa of Avila, St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Francis of Sales. In more recent times, the devotion to St. Joseph had widespread among the countries in the Catholic world, especially in Canada where a great basilica was dedicated to him.

His sanctity was very discrete. St. Matthew said that "he was just a man." The writer Ribadeneira added to his virtues of faith, hope, charity, purity, humility, obedience, fortitude, etc., this virtue of silence, so strange that we don't come across any word from which he may have said in the gospel. Because of his significant trait of silence, he was then given the title " Joseph the

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Let our hope, faith and love be stronger than our hate, worry and desperation. Let us learn the wisdom of forgiveness and acceptance.



Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals Mactan Chapter

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 - Mactan

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

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

3rd week: Men's 4th week: Simul (Men's & Ladies)

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February 2015 Breakfast Sharers



Raul & Ruby Rodil (February 7)

BCBP Cebu South

"we see blessings in every trial we encounter, we learn to never be discouraged and always remember that God will never give us crosses we can not carry, we know that when HE puts us to it, He will put us through it"

"Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord is the Eternal Rock" -- Isaiah 26:4



Cito & Eugene Retuya (February 14)

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"through time our love will have to hurdle all kinds of tests and trials, and we pray that as we grow to our twilight years, for the rest of our waking moments we will still celebrate Valentines day, for love anchored in God never gives up, no matter what"

"Christ's love is greater than anyone can ever know, but I pray, that you will be able to know that love" -- Ephesians 3:19



Lindy Alfar (February 21)

BCBP Talisay

"serving the Lord even in the season of trials and difficulties, believing that He is kind and merciful, loving and generous God of all who takes no pleasure in causing sorrow, pain and failure"

"You have become honorable in my eyes, and glorious. I have loved you, and I will present men in behalf of you and people on behalf of your life." -- Isaiah 43:5



*When we share the laughter that is twice the fun. When we share problems, it is half the pain.
When we share tears, a rainbow follows our rain. When we share secrets, it is our hearts we reveal.
You see, what draws us closer and makes us all care is not what we have, but the things we share.*