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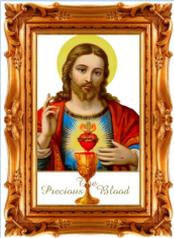
August 2015

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



Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals

Mactan Chapter



Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But those who do not believe have seen and do not believe. Anyone who comes to me and believes will never be hungry or thirsty."

I am

"Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw the signs I performed, but because you saw the bread that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you."

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John 6

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BCLP 22 Holds Free to Follow the Lord Retreat

Barely a month after the conclusion of BCLP 22, the Free to Follow the Lord Retreat was soon undertaken by the batch last July. The holding of the retreat for the batch was done so that the two BCLP batches; 21 and 22 would be together in attending the Brotherhood Christian Marriage Retreat this coming August 29-31.

This retreat has two parts. In the first, the participants were made aware of obstacles to growth and of ways to overcome these obstacles.

The second part of the retreat focuses on putting good order into the way the new members in-

formation manage their time and finances.

The purpose of the retreat is achieved, if the associate members not only become aware of the sources of difficulties to the Christian life and of ways to combat those, but also when they begin to put good order into their life, by providing leadership and management for their life, especially in the area of time and money, in other words, when they begin to live in a disciplined way according to a schedule and a budget.

The participants were also prayed over for healing and deliverance from anything that might hold them back from following the Lord.

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You deserve a day where worries do not get in your way. A day where even if some people are insensitive or unkind you are not going to mind. Because the blessings you received are far better than the burdens you experienced.

BCLP 22 ... (continued from page 1)

The retreat was spearheaded by course leader William Cejas, ably supported by his wife Liza, and backed up by power-packed speakers;

- Nelson Dauz - Overcoming Obstacles to Living as a Disciple of Christ
- Gel Sanchez - Managing Our Time
- Mar Tamidles - Managing Our Finances



the participants



the course leader, William Cejas



facilitators



Bro Nelson Dauz delivering his talk



Bro Gel Sanchez delivering his talk



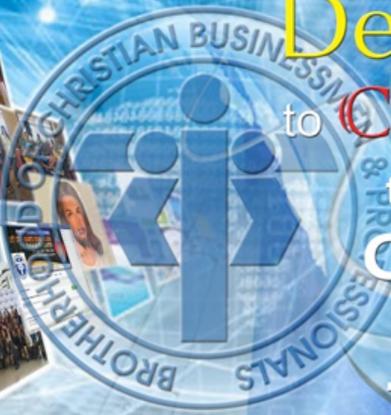
servants/facilitators & participants



reviewing the talk

Today may there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

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Devotion
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"Bezalel, therefore, will set to work with Oholiab and with all the artisans whom the LORD has endowed with skill and understanding in knowing how to do all the work for the service of the sanctuary, just as the LORD has commanded."

Moses then called Bezalel and Oholiab and all the other artisans whom the LORD had endowed with skill, men whose hearts moved them to come and do the work.

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The capacity to care and to do something for someone in need is what gives life its deepest meaning and significance.

On Being a Beloved

Fr Martin Okafor-Ilozue CSSp



In my recent trip, I was reading a book from Henri J. M. Noewen, *Life of the Beloved*, I found what he was saying interesting about being beloved and the life we live. In this month of August, I would like to share some of his points in the book hoping that it will help us to further understand the life we live and being the beloved of God.

Talking about “beloved” presupposes someone being loved and well taken cared of in the family, by people and in the case of Noewen, by God. When we talk about it in human terms it will be easy to comprehend as it is what we practice and experience in our daily lives. Of course it is far from perfect as it is tainted by human errors in judgment and other behaviors. But when we talk about being beloved to God, here it is more problematic, in the sense that in most cases what we will ordinarily expect may not be what is going on in our life and thinking of it as being a beloved

of God may not make sense.

Looking at the world since the creation of the human being until today, it has always been the same ... difficulties, sufferings, calamities, man-made problems, hatred, poverty, sicknesses, death and all the other negative things happening around us. Henri argues that these evils present in the world make it difficult for anyone to easily accept that he or she is a beloved of God in the human sense of it. A small girl was wondering how special to God is her Kuya who happened to be a special child as she was told, and so it is with us.

Henri asserts that being beloved came about from God's plans and actions towards us, no more to be viewed as we use to do on what we humanly consider as being blessed in terms of material possessions. The coming of Christ into the world to save us from sin and death, his death that brought about

our salvation and his resurrection that signify our own rising on the last days were among the things that made us beloved, and since we are beloved, we should be ‘taken’, ‘blessed’, ‘broken’ and ‘given’. The very actions of Christ with the Bread on the last supper, hence how we see ourselves as instruments of God to convey this message to everyone is what we were called to do as Christians. Searching in the dark corners for those perishing, lifting the downtrodden, comforting the sorrowful and most importantly being with each other are different means we can make others feel that they are the beloved of God and in that process affirm our own beloved-ness.

In our life, trials will come, real suffering will be a reality, good things abound too but none will separate us from the Love of Christ as St. Paul said, and that is what makes us the “beloved of God”.



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Take Care, God will strengthen you, each step along the way. Take Time and let God guide you gently day by day. Take Courage for God has the power to help you heal and grow. Take Heart, because the love of God will never let you go. God be with you always.

Pope Francis: Jesus is the Bread of Life

Vatican Radio

Pope Francis has urged the faithful to look beyond material needs and turn to Jesus who is “the bread of life”.

The Pope’s words came as he addressed the crowds gathered in St. Peter’s Square for the Sunday Angelus.

Taking his cue from the Gospel reading of the day which tells of the crowd that went looking for Jesus, not because they saw the signs but because they had eaten the loaves of bread and were filled, Pope Francis pointed out that those people gave more value to the bread than to He who gave them the bread.

He explained that before this spiritual blindness, Jesus highlights the need to look beyond the gift and discover the giver. God himself – the Pope said – is the gift and is also the giver.

Jesus invites us – the Pope continued – to be open to a perspective which is not only that of daily preoccupation and material needs; Jesus speaks to us of a different kind of food, food which is not corruptible and that we must search for and welcome into our lives.

He exhorts us not to work for food that perishes but “for the food that endures for eternal life which the Son of Man will give us” he said.

With these words – Pope Francis continued – He wants us to understand that beyond a physical hunger, man has a

different kind of hunger – “we all have this hunger” – a more important kind of hunger that cannot be satisfied with ordinary food.

“It is the hunger for life - the hunger for eternity - that only He can satisfy because He is the bread of life” he said.

And pointing out that the true meaning of our earthly existence is to be found at the end, in eternity, Pope Francis said that to be open to meeting Jesus every day of our lives will illuminate our lives and give meaning to small gifts, sufferings and preoccupations.

And quoting from the Gospel of John, the Pope said “Jesus said to them: I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst”.

“This – he said – refers to the Eucharist, the greatest gift that fulfills body and soul”.

To meet and to welcome Jesus, “the bread of life” – Pope Francis concluded – gives meaning and hope to our lives that are sometimes tortuous; but this “bread of life” – he said - also gives us the duty to satisfy the spiritual and material needs of our brothers.

To do this – he said- we must announce the Gospel everywhere, and with the witness of a fraternal attitude of solidarity towards our neighbor, we can make Christ and his love present amongst men. 

Intercessor ...

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called poor?" Later on, Pope Gregory IX granted their congregation the Privilegium Pauperitatis - that nobody could oblige them to accept any possession. Yet they were very happy, because Our Lord was close to them all the time. Once, He saved them from a great danger in answer to St. Clare's prayer. An army of rough soldiers came to attack Assisi and they planned to raid the convent first. Although very sick, St. Clare had herself carried to the wall and right there, where the enemies could see it, she had the Blessed Sacrament placed. Then on her knees, she begged God to save the Sisters. We should remember this miracle of the Blessed Sacrament when in Church. Then we will pray with great Faith to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist: "Save me, O Lord, from every evil - of soul and body." Before breathing her last in 1253, she said: “Blessed be you, O God, for having created me”.



FAIR IS ENOUGH

For giving is living,
But I must give again and again
Without ever stopping
Just give until the Lord
Stops giving to you
You see, in the final analysis,
It is between you and God;
It was never between you and them...

Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta

Whenever you don't understand whats happening in your life, you just have to close your eyes, take a deep breath & say, "Lord, I know it's your plan, I put my trust in your hands just help me through it".

Chapter Head's Message: Touch or Be Touched

Orly Manuel - Chapter Head - BCBP Mactan BCLP 1



“The Lord is gracious and merciful” (Psalm 145:8).

God's love allures us, and by his grace prods us to seek him and touch him or by his mercy, allows us to be touched by him. Either way, despite our tentativeness or shortcomings, he will always pitch in with his gentle prodding.

And therefore, because he is constant and faithful, our openness and receptivity to his love are of utmost importance.

From July 17 to August 6, the Lord allowed me to savor his grace and mercy,

even in the midst of hectic out-of-town trips, with my children who had been away for years. All four of them, together with our only granddaughter, son-in-law, and a foreign guest came for a vacation that they all meticulously planned for over a year.

In our safety and protection; in the the people that we dealt with and related with along the way; in the fun and laughter that we shared; the love, care, and concern that were shown for each other; in the peace, serenity, wonder, and beauty of nature and creation; in the simple and common prayers

that were uttered; even in the petty disagreements on minor details that came our way, God's abiding love and presence can never be doubted or questioned.

Indeed, God is faithful every step of the way! He speaks in people, events, and in circumstances surrounding our lives. He is with us and within us, as He is in every creation.

And either, He allows us to find him and touch him or He allows us to be touched by him and be loved by him! Truly, he is an awesome and wonderful God!



A Blessing To Others

Nery Gula - BCBP Mactan BCLP 1



As I live a life intimately connected to God through prayers

and the sacraments, God made me sensitive to the needs of others.

I was at a drug store to buy my maintenance medicines last week. While waiting for my meds an elderly woman approached the saleslady and asked for a medicine and water. When asked for the amount she had to pay she gave a few centavos which were not even enough to pay the one tablet. Sensing that she was shivering I assumed she had

fever. I then told the saleslady I will take care of her bill. I left the store praying for the elderly woman's healing.

A few days from that incident I was at a semi-government office transacting business. A balding woman sat opposite me. She asked the man attending to my concern if she can file her disability benefits because she had cancer and could no longer work. While waiting for my transaction to be serve I asked the woman what was her cancer. She had breast cancer stage 1 but had to undergo six chemo therapy sessions because

according to her it was spreading fast. The very short time that we conversed ended when I was done at the counter. Before I left I told her “God bless.” Going out of the office I regretted not asking her name. I prayed for her anyway.

As I become a blessing to others, God in turn blessed me more than I deserve. His inspiration and guidance never cease to amaze me. God allowed me to do all my tasks in the community and in the parish where I serve such that load never became a burden but a blessing.



A smile is a sign of joy. A hug is a sign of love. A laugh is a sign of happiness and you are a sign of Gods love.

August 2015 Calendar of Activities, Birthday & Anniversary Celebrants

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					Aug 1 Breakfast Fellowship Breakfast Sharing Workshop (Bogo) Tex & Julie Bulambot Franz Demecillo	2
3	4 Dodong Manango	5 Nelwin Valmoria	6 Alvin Leal Mila Talon Nara Paradero	7 First Friday Mass Teaching Night	8 Sectoral Breakfast Fellowship Lina Tampus Ninfa Roa	9 Roger Tejones
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Action Group Meeting Week						
		Cito Retuya Jinky Buctuanon Mitos Roco	Geoff Baguio Tony Kintanar	Cyd Patterson Jo Cabahug	Breakfast Fellowship	Jaspy & April Luaña Boie Canisguin Janice Alabastro
17	18	19	20 John & Amy Conde Eden Ceniza	21 Chapter Assembly Frank Roma Fretsie Cabasagan John Conde	22 Breakfast Fellowship	23 Jo Herrero Myrna Gabasa
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Action Group Meeting Week						
Harry Ceniza Hazel See	Willy & Joy Lozano	Joy Lozano		BCMR 21/22		
31 Mon Lañojan						
Chapter	Anniversaries	Birthdays	Formation	Mission	Programs & Services	Holidays

Man of the Month: Eton Apao | Unit Sponsor of the Month: Unit E (Cejas)

Please inform the chapter secretariat of missed names or corrections

Intercessor of the Month: St. Clare of Assisi



St. Clare of Assisi

Feast Day: August 11

Clare was a beautiful Italian noblewoman, born at Assisi in 1193, who became the Foundress of an order of nuns now called "Poor Clares." At 19, when she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach, her heart burned with a great desire to imitate Francis and to live a poor humble life for Jesus. So one evening, she ran away from home, and in a little chapel outside Assisi, gave herself to God. St. Francis cut off her hair and gave her a rough brown habit to wear, tied with a plain cord around her waist and he placed her in the Benedictine Convent of Bastia. When her relatives came to take her back

home, Clare held to the altar and resisted any attempt, professing that she would have no other husband but Jesus Christ. In due time, she founded a new religious order near the church of St. Damiano.

Soon her sister, St. Agnes joined her, as well as other young women who wanted to be brides of Jesus, and live without any money. St. Clare and her sisters wore no shoes, ate no meat, lived in a poor house, and kept silent most of the time. So great was her joy in serving the Lord that she once exclaimed: "They say that we are too poor, but can a heart which possesses the infinite God be truly

A nice morning is always a gift from God. Let us turn this gift into blessing by our act of sharing and understanding others.





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.

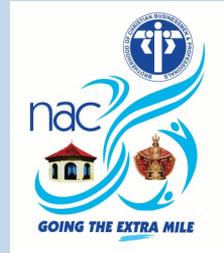
BREAKFAST --- Venue: Crown Regency Suites - Mactan

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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July 2015 Breakfast Sharers



Mr. Johnny Denoy (July 4)

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"God's ways are indeed not our ways, and it takes a lifetime to understand, but what is sure is each day we experience God's miracles."

"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—oracle of the LORD—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope." (Jer 29:11)



Mr. & Mrs. Bin & Lourdes Chua (July 11)

BCBP Cebu South

"God is always on our side. So why should we worry? Everything is planned according to God's will."

"Trust in the LORD forever! For the LORD is an eternal Rock." (Isaiah 36:4)



Eng'r. Raynan Panes (July 18)

BCBP Cebu East

"I am still a work in progress, as He continues to mold and shape me. Always trust and believe that if God brought you to it, in His time and in His plan, He will bring you through it."

"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6)



Eng'r. Noel & Wen Cabahug (July 25)

BCBP Cebu East

"Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bares, to those who trust in His ways."

"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" (Romans 11:33)

The main purpose of life is not to acquire possessions, attain status, or gain popularity; life is all about love of God and others. You may succeed in many things, but if you fail to love God and others, you have missed the reason of your existence.