

**Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community**

DCS MEETING Minutes • Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016

Residence of Arlene & Manny Mangalonzo • Warren, New Jersey

**Week #4 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

**Readings for August 28, 2016**

**Theme:** We build God's Kingdom when we leave our comfort zone and serve the needy and the less fortunate.

**Promise:** *“Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but one who humbles himself will be exalted.”* (Lk 14:11)

**Order:** *“Conduct your affairs with humility.”* (Sir 3:17)

**Directions:**

- Invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind.
- Go and take the lowest place.

**Prophecies:**

- **My child, the only way that you can serve the flock that I have assigned to you is by thinking less of yourself and by thinking more about their needs and concerns.**
- **Humility is one of the virtues that must be inculcated in your mind and imbedded in your heart.**
- **Do not seek honor for yourself, rather, seek to restore honor to the least of your brethren.**
- **Do everything without seeking any reward or recognition. If you do everything to please me, I will bless all that you do.**
- **The proud and the arrogant have no place in my kingdom. It is reserved for those who are humble at heart.**

**Prayers : Saturday, Aug 20, 2016 (Readings for Aug 28, 2016)**

**Start time: 5:45 PM**

**Note: These are the business items discussed during the pastoral meeting between our Cluster Shepherds (Manny & Arlene Mangalonzo) and the DCS.**

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- **There is a plan to have an Inter District Conference (IDC) among the districts of the BLD Newark cluster in June 2017. One major item to be addressed is the sharing of resources among the districts during our encounters. The IDC will include an implementation plan on agreed-upon items.**
- **BLD Newark calendar for next year will be disseminated to other districts in the BLD Newark cluster once it is completed. The plan is to complete the calendar for the following year by the end of November of the current year.**
- **It is recommended that all the ministries, which handle encounters/retreats requiring an outside venue, be reminded to start scheduling the date of the events for the following year. This allows for a timely search for a venue and the start of contract negotiations together with the scheduling of the event spiritual director.**
- **There is a plan to undertake an evaluation of a two-day Marriage Encounter to determine the feasibility of its implementation in BLD Newark.**
- **There is a need to continue our search for other venues for our encounters, preferably retreat houses.**

- **The list of sharers for the BLD Allentown LSS on September 10 & 11 was finalized. Preparations are proceeding, including the shepherds/lambs matching, praise support, moment- to- moment schedule, others.**
- **The new coordinators for the LSA ministry are Earl & Flo Manguiat. They will be replacing Lito & Gigi Vibar who have decided to step aside.**
- **LSS weekend -**  
**There is a need to re-establish our practice of limiting the number of people in the venue during the LSS weekend. Those who want to volunteer as auxies will be required to sign up beforehand.**

**Implementation of color- coded IDs (or color stickers on ID) will enable the LSS team to identify individuals and their functions easily. Instruct SP/SE/LSA Teams to disseminate this information to all their members. This is intended to enhance crowd control, facilitate planning and preparations for the LSS.**

**Guests are welcome to join in the Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday afternoon Oct. 9 (time to be announced).**

- **The following will be blessed/prayed over right after our Praise & Worship on Friday, August 26, 2016:**

**New LSA coordinators: Earl & Flo Manguiat**

**LSS Team -**

- **Overall coordinators: Nes & Cecille Vasquez**
- **Action Team coordinators: Ofel Paypon (SPM) & Dinah Encarnacion (SPM), Kyle Abinales (SM) & Marielle Go (SM)**
- **Piety Team coordinators: Lucille Vizcayno (SPM) & Margarita Ocasio (SPM)**
- **Shepherds coordinators: Ed & Eydie Unay, Reuben & Cherry Vibar, Cy & Mavil Loreto**

- **The following new DYC (District Youth Council) members will be blessed/prayed over right after our Eucharistic Celebration on September 2, 2016:**
  - **Joaquin Cariaso – Evangelization**
  - **Dominick Salar – Formation**
  - **Poochie Brillantes – Management**
  - **Camille Martinez – Mission**
  - **Michael Rangel - Pastoral**
  
- **Fr. Robert requested prayers for the success of the CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LIVING STONE PROGRAM of the Divine Mercy Parish in Rahway and the Archdiocese of Newark. He is specifically requesting prayers “for more awareness of this beautiful endowment project and for more support and prayers from generous godly people”. This intention will be endorsed to the community through the Intercessory Ministry to be prayed for until the end of the campaign.**
  
- **We encourage our members to start inviting for ME 47 which will be on November 18 to 20, 2016.**
  
- **Regarding the cleanliness at DMP, Fr. Robert fully agreed to BLD taking its turn for cleaning the school premises once a month, or every 4<sup>th</sup> week. He shall be making formal arrangements with other groups using DMP, for the remaining 3 weeks in the cycle. Fr Robert requests that this be initiated by BLD immediately, or as soon as possible.**
  
- **The Pro-Life 20/20 Vision Conference - The goal of this initiative is to attain equal rights for babies in the womb by passing a ban on abortion past 20 weeks by the year 2020 in New Jersey.**

**The members of BLD Newark, as a lay and ecclesial movement in the Archdiocese of Newark, are invited to attend and assist in this**

**conference which will be on October 1, 2016, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at the Evangel Church, 1251 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.**

**For more information, the flyer for this conference is attached together with these minutes.**

**Closing prayer**

**Meeting adjourned: 11:15 PM (Aug 20)**

**Present:**

Evangelization - San Luis, Manny and Judy
Formation – Lucero, Jovy & Emily
Management – Canlas, Gerry & Dimples
Mission – Bustos, Nong and Tricia
Pastoral – Olaso, Sam & Rory
CS – Mangalonzo, Manny & Arlene

Prepared by:

Nong & Tricia

Presiding Stewards for August 2016