

**Bukas Loob sa Diyos (BLD) Covenant Community**  
**DCS Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 12, 2016**  
**DCS Room, DMP Parish, Rahway NJ**

**Week#3 (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

**Readings for October 16** Ex 17:8-13/ Ps 121:1-8/ 2 Tm 3:14-4:2/ Lk 18:1-8

**Theme:** We bear the mark of a true servant of Christ when we ask for His grace to persevere in prayer.

**Promise:** *“The Lord will guard you from all evil; he will guard your life.”* (Ps 12:7)

**Order:** Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed.

**Directions:**

1. Pray always without being weary.
2. Be persistent in proclaiming God’s Word whether convenient or inconvenient.

**Prophecies:**

1. Come to me to the mountain top and there you will see my hands raised interceding for you to give you strength to overcome your difficulties, trials and tribulations.
2. I always wait to hear you pray since your prayer is your expression of your desire to be one with me.
3. Do not be deceived, my child, when it feels that I am nowhere near you. I love you and I will always be close to you.

**Opening Worship (October 16 Ex 17:8-13/ Ps 121:1-8/ 2 Tm 3:14-4:2/ Lk 18:1-8)**

**MINUTES:**

**1. Updates on:**

- a. **LSS 46B** – Another spirit-filled week-end with 46 graduates. The victory of God in the lambs’ lives was quite evident from their sharings.
- b. **John 6 Retreat** – It was the first time that the John 6 Crossing retreat was held at the Fellowship Deaconry at Basking Ridge, NJ venue. There were some venue challenges as the group was limited in the use of space since the Deaconry was also hosting other retreats at the same time, but overall the Team was able to make it work with the creative use of space. It was truly

a Spirit-filled retreat for the 21 new graduates of J6#17. The Vigil Room was the real powerhouse of the weekend with the solid support of the sponsoring class, moderators, sharers, and auxies, led by the small group of hard-working adults. The John 6 Ministry reserved the venue for the J6 Crossing Retreat for next year, same time (weekend before Columbus Day).

**c. Aspirants' Retreat - 14 aspirants will seal their covenant on Nov. 4, 2016 as follows:**

1-2. Jonas & Emy Cebedo	ME 14
3. Nena Dacula	SPE 10
4-5. Bo & Bing Frio	ME 42
6. Rose Go	SPE 16
7. Eliza Literato	SPE 16
8. Rico Lopez	ME 42
9. Nelson Manzo	ME 25
10. Rose Manzo	ME 25
11. Belinda Pacaira	SPE 15
12. Maria Fe Rangel	ME 39
13-14. Runnie & Jo-An Santiago	ME 42

**2. Update on the preparations for the BLD-assisted LSS at St. Anthony de Padua Parish in Belleville, NJ.**

We are in the process of forming the LSS team that includes parishioners and BLD Newark members. Likewise, we started to gather the information of candidates, who have signed up already.

**3. Raffle Details** - Fundraising Team to send notification to the community about the deadline of submission of sold and unsold tickets. Gerry and Dimples Canlas sent an email to Ricky and Nardz Santos (Management Services Ministry Coordinators) and Gary and Mil Camacho (ME 39 Class Shepherds) to provide details of Friday night's activities. Youth will leave sound system for the Singles, who will provide the music and entertainment along with other soloists; Alan Cam to emcee.

**Present:**

Evangelization - San Luis, Manny and Judy (PS for October 2016)

Formation – Lucero, Jovy and Emily

Management – Canlas, Gerry and Dimples

Mission – Bustos, Nong and Tricia

Pastoral – Olaso, Sam and Rory