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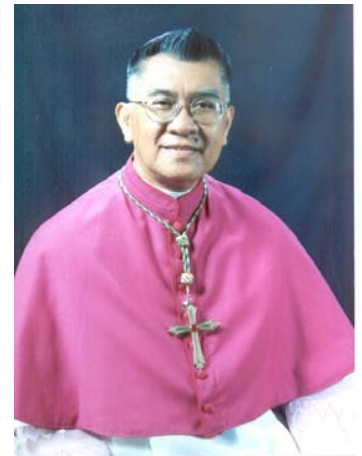
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EASTER MESSAGE

The Words of Jesus from the Tree of the Cross have brought about the fruit of the Resurrection. Good Friday necessarily leads to Easter Sunday.

The great fruit of the Tree of Good Friday is Forgiveness of our Sins. His forgiveness has brought about the resurrection or Easter Sunday of all sinners, the likes of Mary Magdalene, Peter, Augustine, Paul and all sinners in history who tasted the fruit of repentance: peace with God.

On Good Friday and Easter, we find God sharing our darkness and suffering, in order that we may share his light and resurrection. With Easter, we can face the Good Fridays of our life. Upon the grace of Easter we continue to build our country still buried in the mire of Good Friday.

We can go back again and again to the message of Christ on the Cross to discover in it how we can lead ourselves and our country to the resurrection from poverty, hunger, ignorance, unemployment and corruption in governance.

Happy Easter to one and all!

+ ANGEL N. LAGDAMEO
Archbishop of Jaro &
BLD Spiritual Director
March 25, 2010

DLC – 2010 Kick Off Meeting

By Charito Munoz



On a balmy Sunday afternoon, the “disciples” of BLD met to discuss future plans for the community. The disciple’s meeting commonly referred to as “DLC” or “District Leaders Conference” convened on this day.

What is a “disciple”? The word "disciple" literally means “a learner” or “one who follows another’s teaching” or “an adherent”; Disciples were also thought of as “imitators” of their teacher, emulating his life and passing on his teachings. In essence, a “disciple of Christ” is someone who has been called first to know Christ, then to follow him, and then to make disciples of all nations. That is, in our knowing Christ we are becoming like him—thinking, feeling, and living as he commands.

Discipleship means a summons to follow Jesus. Early in his earthly ministry Jesus called certain men to be with him and to follow him; he summoned twelve disciples to his side. As BLD members, we have been summoned by Jesus to be his disciples, though we cannot literally walk side by side with Him today. Through the Holy Spirit, we follow him along this path of discipleship by being with him and coming to know him intimately. Our call to discipleship is “To be with Him and to know Him” (Mark 3:14). However, at BLD, our discipleship does not only involve being with Him, being like Him, and following Him, it also means that we make it our goal to disciple others as well.

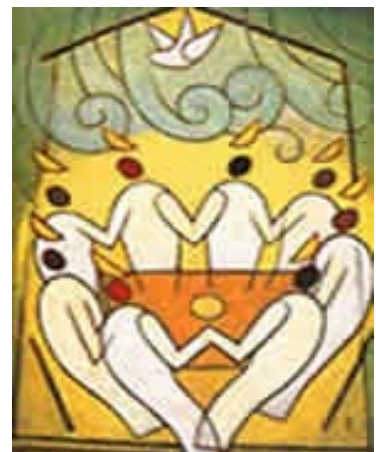
In keeping with our call to discipleship, we began our meeting by lifting ourselves to Jesus in prayers, songs, readings and reflections. Ministry coordinators were grouped by their designated apostolate (headed by a District Council of Stewards, (lovingly referred as “DCS”) for discussion and discernment of a spiritual direction.

The first order of business was to find out what each and every ministry coordinator understands of their role. Handouts were given explaining the difference between a “job” and a “ministry”. The following are excerpts from Ann Sandberg’s “Ministry or Job”:

- If you are doing it just because no one else will, it's a job*
- If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry*
- If you quit because somebody criticized you, it's a job*
- If you keep on serving, it's a ministry*
- If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it's a job*
- If you stay with it even though nobody recognized your efforts it's a ministry*
- If our concern is success, it's a job*
- If our concern is faithfulness, it's a ministry*
- If God calls you to a ministry, don't treat it like a job.*

The second order of business was to focus on our mission as a BLD community for the year. Meetings such as this should be meaningful and productive. To this end, every ministry was asked to set attainable and measurable goals for 2010. Goals are the desired outcomes. The goals are your dreams and visions. What are your desires for your ministry? How can you enhance the community through your ministry?

With renewed spirit and enthusiasm, the disciples were ready to embark into their mission of finding exciting goals for their respective ministries. Updates of their goals will be shared at every upcoming meeting. The meeting culminated with the much awaited fellowship commonly known as “when do”----we eat!!



BLD Detroit Gears Up for Life In the Spirit Seminar #14

By Sally Fano – LSA coordinator



BLD-Detroit will hold the Life in the Spirit Seminar #14 on the weekend of May 15 and 16, 2010 at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church in Detroit, Michigan. The parish is the home parish of Fr. Albert Sescon, who will be the Spiritual Director for this particular LSS. Matthew and Vicky Estrellado have wholeheartedly committed to be LSS #14 Coordinators while Tito and Marlene Viola have willingly accepted the task of being Assistant Coordinators.

Preparations for this seminar started in January and have increasingly become hectic as the LSS weekend draws closer. More than 100 Invitations were sent and so far, 15 applicants have responded to God's call to walk in the life of the Holy Spirit through the LSS. To better guide the candidates or "lambs" with their preparation, covenanted and committed members of the community or "shepherds" attended the Shepherds Refresher Course on February 27 at the residence of DCS for Formation Jun and Fran Sibug. The very enlightening course was presented by Fran and was well participated by the attendees. The session culminated in a fellowship and sumptuous lunch brought in by the attendees, true to the BLD tradition.



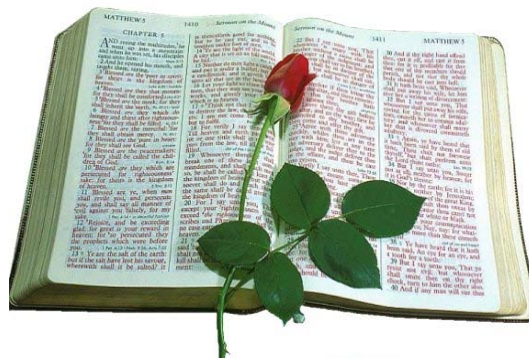
On April 6, 2010, the candidates will meet their shepherds in a "Salubungan" during the fellowship after the Memorial Mass at St. Alan Church in Troy, MI. As the lamb-shepherd journey of faith starts and progresses, the community prays continuously for a Spirit-filled and fruitful LSS weekend.

Jun and Sally Fano
LSA

Basic Bible Study

By Tony Alojipan

The Basic Bible Study (BBS) is one of the initial formal lessons to help new and not so new BLD members get closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. By knowing how to read the scriptures, one can understand better how the Word of God comes alive while reading. The Laranang family graciously opened their residence as the venue for the latest BBS study. Some of the attendees were from the last Marriage Encounter # 18. Others were from more previous Marriage Encounters. Some "elders" in our covenanted community had a refresher course. The session started from 11 a.m. followed by a "when do. . ." lunch break and ended at about 4 p.m. the afternoon.



CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

By Romy and Laida Laranang

“Poverty isn’t just about a lack of money or lack of food. It is a detachment from the natural world from which all life and wealth flow.”
Bro. Rick Samyn omf Capuchin



Volunteer service to Capuchin Service Center at 6333 Medbury St. in Detroit, resumed on March 12. Ten BLD members volunteered, sorting and hanging clothes for the needy. BLD is scheduled every second Friday of the month. April 9 is our next service schedule.

March 26 is BLD's annual Lenten soup and bread dinner at St John Neumann Church in Canton, Michigan. We have enough donors for the eight pots of soups and monies for the bread. Donations collected from guests who partake of the soup and bread dinner are to be given to charity.

On April 10, 2010, at 7:30 AM, Mercy Saturday, we will join hundreds of those who will gather for the Vigil for Life of the Unborn, to be held at the Assumption Grotto Catholic Church at 13770 Gratiot Rd. in Detroit, between 6 Mile and 7 Mile Roads. This vigil is spearheaded by the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants. Flyers have been distributed for details.

On April 25, 2010 at 3:00 PM, our brother in Christ, Roy Coloma, is presenting a piano recital rendering beautiful melodies by famous composers, including Filipinos. There is No admission charge, but a love offering will be appreciated, which will benefit the Detroit Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center in which BLD is a member. Thank you for your support and cooperation in this Corporal Works of Mercy. ***



SEMANA SANTA from the Eyes of Carlo

By Marlene Viola as Narrated by Carlo Sapiendante

The town of San Miguel, Bulacan in the Philippines bustles with activities during the celebration of “Semana Santa” or Holy Week. Come, transport our imagination and experience Holy Week through Carlo Sapiendante’s eyes. Carlo is a 16-year-old young man who lives just across the church property of San Miguel. Every morning at 4:00 a.m., he hears the church bell ring “gong...”, “gong...”, “gong...” inviting people to hear mass. He volunteers his time as an altar server and doing extra little things that the priest might need. Ever since he can remember, he has always wanted to become a priest. Carlo bubbles up with excitement as he starts narrating the “Semana Santa” procession.

“Before the Easter Vigil, the town gets involved in the procession of floats with different sceneries depicting stages in the life of Jesus Christ. Each float has icons telling a story and is sponsored, decorated with lavish flowers, sweet-smelling sampaguitas and lights. Volunteer families donate these floats and handle them during procession. This year 2010, we now grew to include a total of 42 floats – a lot more than when this San Miguel tradition originally started. This is the order of the presentation of the floats around the church neighborhood. We pray the rosary this time.”



Semana Santa (con't) . .

“St. Peter’s float comes first, followed by the scene of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman. Next is the scene of the repentance of Mary Magdalene, followed by Lazarus being brought back to life. The next scene follows when Jesus first entered Jerusalem on a donkey and people laid branches on his pathway, followed by the scene when Jesus was sorrowful over Jerusalem. The next scene is when Jesus was saying good-bye to His mother followed by *The Last Supper* with the 12 apostles. Then the next scene is where Jesus washed His apostles feet, followed by Jesus praying for Jerusalem. The next scene depicts when Jesus got tired after a long day followed by the scene when Jesus prayed in Gethsemane for the cup to pass him by but accepted the will of the Father instead. We see the next float to be when Judas was kissing Jesus on his cheek to hand Him over to be captured, followed by the float with a rooster and the scene of Peter after denying Jesus three times. “

“The next float shows Jesus meeting Pilate for the first time followed by scene of the scourging of Jesus at the pillar. Then we see the bloodied body of Jesus scene followed by the float of Jesus crowned with thorns. The next scene is the *Eche Homo* – when Pilate presented Jesus back to the Jews and said, “Here is the man.” This is followed by *The Nazarene* - Jesus carrying the heavy cross. The floats of Jesus meeting his sorrowful mother while carrying His cross, followed by Veronica’s wiping of Jesus’ face, are the next in the procession. The next scene is called *Tres Caidas* – where Jesus was in between a good thief and a bad thief, followed by the float where Jesus was handing over His mother to St. John the apostle. Then we see on the next float the scene in *Calvary*, followed by the float where Jesus is being taken down from the cross by friends.”

“Then comes the *La Pieta* where the sorrowful mother is carrying her dead son’s body on her lap, followed by the scene where Jesus is put in a tomb. The following float has *St. Entiero*, followed by the scene where the sorrowful mother is being comforted by the beloved apostle. The next several floats are icons of different saints like St. Veronica, St. Susana, St. Juana dela Cuza, and St. Martha. The next float is Carlo’s float which is the statue of St. Lazarus. He is especially happy to have his family help him decorate this float. His float is followed by St. Mary Salome, St. Mary Jacobe, St. Mary Magdalene and St. John the evangelist. The last float is the *Mater Dolorosa* or Sorrowful Mother where she wears a black veil over her face. The procession is timed to end at the grounds of the church onto a stage like area depicting a scene in Galilee.”



stage ceiling to where the *Mater Dolorosa* is and removes her black veil. The angel is raised back up and out of view and a dove comes out with the black veil and flies away. The people cheer and clap their hands. Then the fireworks display is started. It is then midnight. The following day, we celebrate Easter.”

“At 11:00 pm on Black Saturday, the Easter Vigil mass is held inside the church. Many candles are lit starting with the Paschal Candle. At the end of the mass, the people come out of the church with the float of the Resurrected Christ onto the patio area. If the long procession around town has not yet arrived, the float of the Resurrected Christ has its own procession at the side of the church. When all the floats have arrived and the *Mater Dolorosa* is under the roof of the stage, only then would the Resurrected Christ process onto the Galilee scene.

There Jesus meets His mother – the *Salubungan*. When the two are face – to – face, the priest says a prayer. A little girl dressed as an angel sings the *Regina Coeli* or Queen of Heaven Rejoice! and is lowered from the



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!



“May the Lord anoint you with another year of good health, good cheer and bountiful blessings!”

MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Carmen Asis Tony Ballarta Michael Ball Emy Banas Benita Blanco Manny Clarin Grace Diponio Anne Marie Fano Mario Francisco Janet Gallus Aris Macandog Marilen Rodriguez Aris Sandoval Jun Sibug Lucy Tandoc Linda Tongko Deo Velasco Delio Vergara Gloria Ygay	Romy Alair Ernie Andaya Ching Antolin Abel Antolin Homer Arevalo Alex Asis Lisa Caoili Tess Carreon Remy Celez Matthew Estrellado Paul Fano Jay Fetizanan Cecile Garcia Rudy Habal Fr. San Hoyumpa Dee Juco Laida Laranang Aida Manly Rufino Rayos Nabil Riad Faye Sabado Josie Santiago Martha Silva Nicole Veridiano Benny Villaluz Gary Villasenor Rachel Viola Butch Ygay	Al Acosta Trini Alair Jesse Anayas Bernie Alvarez Lina Bayot Charity Corpus Fe Celez Fel Elpedes Rose Erfe Cora Galit Claire Fano Raymund Fano Faith Laja Krystle Laja Fr. Lumbre Blas Mamaril Alex Santiago Desi Segundo Lucy Estrellado Violy Tanafranca Nene Uy Alvin Vargas Karen Viado Raquel Villaluz

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Abel/Ching Antolin Julian/Moding Cueco Raulie/Inday Rodrigo	Resty/Fe Espinosa Jess/Lucy Tandoc Ojie/Justie Viola	Art/Terri Acosta Mario/Luz Algenio Bernie/Sonia Alvarez Alex/Carmen Asis Jason/Lisa Caoili Wayne/Adoring Chang Tony/Charity Corpus Matthew/Vicky Estrellado Jay/Paz Fetizanan Blas/Annette Mamaril Fr. Jack Quinlan (ordination) Tany/Violy Tanafranca Paul/Tina Villavicencio

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WORD READERS: April 13 through May 25, 2010

DATE	READINGS	WORD READERS
06-Apr	<i>Healing Mass</i>	<i>To be assigned</i>
13-Apr	1 st Reading Resp Psalm 2 nd Reading	Goding & Lina Bayot Bay & Helen Domingo Felix & Rose Erfe
20-Apr	1 st Reading Resp Psalm 2 nd Reading	Nito & Tess Estupigan Ben & Nilda Macandog Rene & Melinda Montilla
27-Apr	1 st Reading Resp Psalm 2 nd Reading	Terry Rance Bert & Cloty Sitchon Nieves Vargas
04-May	<i>Healing Mass</i>	<i>To be assigned</i>
11-May	1 st Reading Resp Psalm 2 nd Reading	Mario & Luz Algenio Julian & Modeng Cueco Ed & Belen Dimaguila
18-May	1 st Reading Resp Psalm 2 nd Reading	Matthew & Vickie Estrellado Rudy & Deena Habal Rose Nabongo
25-May	1 st Reading Resp Psalm 2 nd Reading	Jun & Fran Sibug Primo & Linda Tongko Tito & Marlene Viola
01-Jun	1 st Reading Resp Psalm 2 nd Reading	Tony & Dita Alojipan Tony & Tessie Ballarta Fel & Nitz Elpedes
08-Jun	1 st Reading Resp Psalm 2 nd Reading	Felix & Rose Erfe Nito & Tessie Estupigan Jun & Sally Fano
15-Jun	1 st Reading Resp Psalm 2 nd Reading	Nel & Lil Franco Blas & Annette Mamaril Mel & Charito Munoz
22-Jun	<i>Mass-BLD 25th Anniversary</i>	<i>To be assigned</i>
29-Jun	1 st Reading Resp Psalm 2 nd Reading	Alex & Josie Santiago Gus & Doris Sasis Nieves Vargas

BLD DETROIT CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 2010



DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE/PLACE
04/06/2010	7:30 pm	BLD Memorial Mass for Deceased Members	St. Alan Church - Troy
04/10/2010	3:00 pm	DLC Meeting	PACCM
04/18/2010	3:00 pm	Worship Leaders Meeting	Espinosa Residence - Troy
05/15 – 05/16	2 Days	Life in the Spirit Seminar #14	Our Lady Queen of Angels – Detroit
06/22/2010	7:30 pm	Eucharistic Celebration - Global BLD – 25 th Foundation Anniversary	St. John Neumann Church - Canton
07/10-07/11	2 Days	Singles Encounter Weekend #6	St. Paul of the Cross - Detroit
08/07/2010	10:00 am - dusk	BLD Family Picnic	Brinston Park - Troy
09/18 – 09/19	2 Days	Marriage Encounter Weekend #19	St. Paul of the Cross - Detroit
12/4/2010	6:00 pm	BLD-Detroit 15 year anniversary / Christmas Party	Hawthorne Valley Golf & Country Club - Westland
12/15/2010	7:00 pm	Simbang Gabi – date sponsored by BLD	St. Rene Church - Sterling Heights

EASTER FESTIVITIES

by Belen Dimaguila

What is Easter? It is a celebration of New Life, a most awaited event of the year by everyone especially the children. Why? For the children, they look forward to - going to church with a beautiful new dress, good food and most of all the egg hunting. The hard boiled eggs are painted with different colors, but some plastic eggs are filled with either candies or money. Parents hide these eggs inside or outside the house for the children to locate and keep and everybody have fun.

This is not how we celebrated Easter in our country, the Philippines, years ago. I remember when I was young, during Easter Sunday; I was always included in the festivities in the church. I, with some other young girls will be dressed in white with wings on our backs (like an angel). We'll be up on a stage holding a basket of flowers. There is a procession and when the church bells ring, we'll be singing and spreading the flowers all around - the bell ringing is the sign of the Lord's resurrection. When people in their homes hear the bells ringing, the belief is to jump for joy and they will become taller. This is a CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION of NEW LIFE - "PASKO NG PAGKABUHAY." But those days are gone. Now, they celebrate Easter the same way we do here.



Easter is the "Feast of Feasts," the "Solemnity of Solemnities," the Church's highest feast, the holiest day of the year. Today, after twenty centuries, we still announce to the world: Christ lives!

Liturgically, the "eight days" of Easter constitute a single day, the day of the new creation. The church begins celebrating at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and continues through the Octave of Easter: Everyday is another Easter, another day to rejoice in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

St. Augustine of Hippo refers to the eight days of Easter as "days of mercy and pardon," calling the Sunday of the Paschal Octave "the summary of the days of mercy."

But to us, Easter is a celebration of New Life for the Lord has indeed risen. Easter is the Feast of Life. The Lord has indeed risen - "Alleluia-Praise the Lord!" marks all prayers and songs of this festival season. It represents the joy of Christians. The Lord's death was not a defeat but a victory. And we share in the Lord's victory over suffering and death, knowing that life everlasting with Christ will be ours. "We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come."

"This is the day the Lord has made, Alleluia!"

A PINCH OF HUMOR

<http://www.angelfire.com/ca4/HumorHotline/shortjoke.html>

*They have Dial-a-Prayer for atheists now. You can call up and it rings and rings but nobody answers.
(Tommy Blaze)*

*A young girl once confessed to her priest that she thought she was guilty of the sin of pride. She said, "When I look in the mirror, I think I am beautiful." The priest said, "That's not a sin, that's a mistake."
(Rev. James Whitcomb Brouger, Sr.)*

Abraham bought himself a fancy new computer. He was showing it to Isaac one day. "Look at all the wonderful programs it has on it. And look at all the neat things it can do..." Isaac was impressed, but a little concerned..."But dad, I don't think your computer has enough memory." Abraham said "Don't worry son; the Lord will provide the RAM."

The Presby Philes