



Archdiocese of Jaro

January 12, 2009

Your Eminencies/ Excellencies,

Greetings of Peace for the New Year 2009!

We are pleased to inform and update your kind Eminence/ Excellency about **Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community (BLD – Open in Spirit to God)** whom you allowed to operate within your Ecclesial authority.

They have remained faithful to the teachings and connectedness to the Church. They continue with their mission of renewing families to the Lordship of Jesus Christ within your respective Archdiocese/Diocese.

We, in the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), have recognized their help in the evangelization effort of the Catholic Church in the Philippines. We are also cognizant of their growth in bringing Filipino immigrants and people of other cultures with their Catholic encounters, seminars, and formation programs in North America and Hong Kong. Presently, they operate in the following Archdioceses and Dioceses:

In the Philippines (24 Districts):

- Luzon (10 Districts) – Archdioceses of Manila and Lipa; Dioceses of Laoag, Baguio, Malolos, Imus, San Pablo and Lucena, Military Ordinariate of the Philippines (AFPPNP), and Prelature of Infanta (Aurora, Quezon)
- Visayas (6 Districts) – Archdioceses of Cebu, Jaro, and Palo (Vicariate of Ormoc); Dioceses of Tagbilaran, Dumaguete, and Bacolod.
- Mindanao (8 Districts) – Archdioceses of Cagayan de Oro, Ozamiz (Oroquieta), Davao, and Zamboanga; Dioceses of Pagadian, Mati, Tagum, and Prelature of Ipil

In Asia (1 District) – Diocese of Hong Kong

In Canada (5 Districts) – Archdioceses of Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton; Dioceses of Hamilton and St. Catharines.

In the USA (18 Districts) – Archdioceses of Cincinnati, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York (Rockland), Newark, San Francisco, Seattle, and Washington; Dioceses of Charlotte, Cleveland, Albany, Rochester, Rockville Centre, Camden, Trenton, Allentown, Reno and Phoenix.

In North America, BLD members have been actively participating in their parishes and dioceses, serving as lectors and commentators. They are assisting in their parishes' evangelization programs with encounter and formation programs. The BLD Community has contributed two priests, eight permanent deacons, and three religious sisters who are now serving the Catholic Church.

We pray that the BLD Covenant Community will be able to continue to serve in your respective Archdioceses or Dioceses.

Sincerely yours,

+ANGEL N. LAGDAMEO  
Archbishop of Jaro and  
CBCP President &  
BLD Spiritual Director