

BLD SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES - SEPTEMBER 2010			
DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
3 Fri	8:00 pm	Parade of Banners - Mission Apostolate	OLA Church
3 Fri	8:00-11:00 pm	Eucharistic Celebration /Fellowship	OLA Church
3 Fri-5 Sun		Singles Inter-District Conference (SIC)	Toronto
4 Sat & 5 Sun		St. Barnabas Parish LSS Recruitment	St. Barnabas Church
8 Wed	7:15-10:15 pm	Mission Assembly	OLA Hall
10 Fri	8:00-11:00 pm	Corporate Praise & Worship	OLA Church
11 Sat	9:00 am-4:00 pm	A Day of Recollection (Covenanted Disciples)	OLA Hall
12 Sun	2:00-4:00 pm	St. Barnabas Parish Salubong	St. Barnabas Church
12 Sun	1:30-4:30 PM	OLA Prayer Group Meeting	OLA Hall
15 Wed		DLC Meeting	OLA Hall
17 Fri	8:00-11:00 pm	Parade of Banners - ALL Apostolates / Eucharistic Celebration / BLD Toronto's 20th Year Anniversary Celebration	OLA Church/Hall
19 Sun	2:00-4:00 pm	St. Barnabas Parish LSS Shepherding	St. Barnabas Church
24 Fri	8:00-11:00 pm	Corporate Praise & Worship	OLA Church
25 Sat		Vigil Room Workshop ME 31	Reunion Venue
26 Sun	2:00 - 4:00 pm	St. Barnabas Parish LSS Shepherding	St. Barnabas Church
28 Tue	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Good Shepherd Meal Service	Good Shepherd Ctr
29 Wed		Worship Leaders' Forum 2	OLA Hall

Pope's Prayer Intentions for September, 2010

The Holy Father's general intention is:
*that in less developed parts of the world the
proclamation of the Word of God may renew people's hearts,
encouraging them to work actively toward authentic social progress.*

The Pope's missionary intention is:
*that by opening our hearts to love we may put an end to the
numerous wars and conflicts which continue to bloody our world.*



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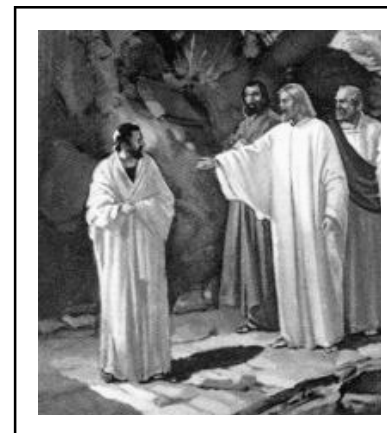


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BUKÁS-LOÓB SA DIYÓS • OPEN IN SPIRIT TO GOD
Toronto District

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



- Carry your cross and follow Me

REFLECTION:

Most people, would declare, that they want to be a follower of Jesus. This is true not only in our community but in almost all Christian communities that we know of.

Why? Because through teaching and formation, we have realized and become aware of our Lord's goodness and His promise of salvation and eternal life.

Perhaps we never considered what we have to give up to become followers of Jesus. We never asked ourselves what we have to give up to become His disciples. We never even expected any reward as serving Him is the reward itself.

The challenges we have to tackle and overcome to become Disciples of Christ are numerous.

We have to love even those who are unlovable. This is a difficult thing to do as it contradicts all the previous values (I love myself, me, mine, etc.)

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THEME:

We have the heart and character of Christ when we renounce all our possessions and follow Him.

WORD:

Wis 9:13-18; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

ORDER:

- Learn the counsel of God

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that we hold. Some people are truly unlovable in their ways and actions. Now, we have to love them also?

We have to forgive and bless those who have hurt us. This goes against all that we have previously practiced and learned in our previous experiences.

We have to serve Jesus through our brothers and sisters in the Church and in our community. As well, we have to serve them with joy and gladness in our hearts and minds.

The big question is: "Is it worth the sacrifice?" "Yes! Absolutely"

Think about it. Jesus died for all of us. He need not suffer and die on the Cross but He chose to die for all of us. He became man to suffer for all of us. For only in becoming a man, forsaking His Godly rights, will He be able to suffer the death of a man, the pain, the sorrow, the humiliation, the wounds and the crucifixion. The sacrifices we have to make are nothing compared to His. It costs us time, talent and treasure to become followers of Jesus - but the cost is worth it. "He loved us and gave himself up for us." (Eph 5:2)

We have become witnesses of the truth by coming Disciples of Jesus. We have received His message and we have the responsibility to share it.

We truly believe that being Disciples of the Lord is the best accomplishment a renewed Christian can truly hope for.

What an awesome God we love and serve!

DIRECTION:

Seek God's counsel that we may learn to count our days and that He may prosper the work of our hands.

GOD'S PROMISE:

" the gracious care of the Lord our God (is) ours; prosper the work of our hands." (Ps. 90:17)

***Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community
WORD, THEMES & PROMISES
FOR SEPTEMBER 2010***

READINGS:

September 5	Wis 9:13-18; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
September 12	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
September 19	Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
September 26	Am 6:1, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Mangalonzo, Arlene (Ministry Coordinator) ** Mangalonzo, Manny (Ministry Coordinator)
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Paches, Leona ** Pangda, Norma ** Pullon, Flow ** Santos, Norielyn ** Trestiza, Cheryl

BLD Toronto

Aquino, Loubert ** Baang, Veronica ** Buado, Jeff ** Buzon, Leanne-Grace
Buzon, CJ ** Buzon, Ian Buzon, Madonna ** Canaria, Arvic ** Caniedo, Mae ** Canlas, Lori
Carandang, Jenny ** Carandang, Jason ** De Los Reyes, Fe ** Defensor, Jeanette ** Florendo, Myriah
Fok, Kai-Ho ** Jacinto, Alvin ** Jagures, Tina ** Joven, Michaela ** Ladines, Jean Cola ** Lapak, Carlo
Lumilan, Christine ** Magno, Margo ** Magsano, Rey ** Moga, Christrub ** Morales, Everlina
Ntap, Louise ** Paunil, Alex ** Perez, Myrie ** Piamonte, Ivan ** Quindoy, Cris ** Sabbun, JR ** Salas,
Angelito ** Salayo, Frances ** Salvador, Lucille ** Samonte, Len ** Santos, Roma ** Sobrevilla, Jay
Udasco, Kathryn ** Valdez, Nicole ** Venzon, Dennis ** Villanueva, Carlyle ** Villanueva, Faye

Our hearts are full of joy as we witness different parts of BLD North America unite together and make our SIC theme, "**Unity is in Community**", come alive this weekend.

We thank you all for being here and helping make this weekend possible. It is going to be a fantastic weekend of talks, reflections, activities, fellowship, presentations and fun!

Open your eyes, ears and minds this weekend to what God has in store for you. We're sure He has something wonderful planned for you!

**Gerald and Rachelle Canlas
Toronto Singles Ministry Coordinators**

Note: We apologize if we missed any delegates, Coordinators, or DCS from any of the districts above. This was the most current list at time of printing. Thank you for your understanding!

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The success of the weekend was also made possible through the support from our DCS – Evangelization-Reggie and Baby Villanueva and our brothers and sisters from various ministries like: Intercessory, Liturgy, MFLA, Praise, Teaching, Treasury, Secretariat, Service, Witness Development, WORD; and all the auxiliaries, headed by the Buado family.

Most of all, we bow our heads as we offer our praises and thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ and our Blessed Mother Mary, for making this Family Encounter Weekend possible and victorious.

Let us all welcome the graduates of FE # 15 together with their Family Shepherd, the Guillermo family [Willy, Annette, Gino and Nina].

*Alba family [Teddy, Thea, Aidan] * Atienza family [Ben, Jona, Jasmine, Claudine]*

*Baldonasa family [Melvin, Grace, Ann, Tin] * Costa family [Marisol, Genalyn]*

*Dayno family [Manny, Lou, Kevin, Christian] * Del Castillo family [Gerard, Joy, Miguel, Gio]*

*Fernandez family [Edward, Lynn, Kyle, Daniel, Jennifer] * Maralit family [Odette, Christian, Jason]*

*Mendonca family [Linette, Sariya] * Norona family [Alan, Nina, Grace]*

*Ponce family [Alfredo, Carol, Natasha, Nicole] * Respicio family [Tho, Margie, Paul, John]*

*Valencia family [Gil, Dolly, Val] * Zeppa family [Steve, Emmy, Ryan, Elizabeth]*

To God be the glory!

Welcome to SIC 2010 T.O.!

On behalf of the Singles Ministry Toronto and the whole community of BLD Toronto, we would like to welcome the following members from different parts of BLD North America as they attend the 1st Singles Inter-District Conference (SIC #1).

Greetings to all the delegates, including Ministry Coordinators and Pastoral DCS from...

BLD Detroit

Anciete, Andrew ** Guillermo, Crystal ** Laja, Krystle ** Laja, Faith
Landingin, RLAN ** Laput, Gieric ** Macandog, Benjamin ** Tungol, Sabrina

BLD Rockville Center Long Island

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Esteibar, Gawaine (Pastoral DCS) ** Joseph, Steve ** Macalalad, Cez ** Matillano, Carrie
Nicdao, Cynthia (Ministry Coordinator) ** Santos, Gia

BLD Newark

Alburo, Danah ** Alburo, Dorothy ** Alfaro, Lita ** Bernal, Ronald ** Calotes,
Darlene ** Canlas, Glenn ** Canlas, Angelo ** Clavel, Vergel ** Cruz, Eric ** DeLuna, Grace
Fabe, Vanessa ** Gonzalvo, Anna ** Lomuntad, Louie ** Maandal, Carl ** Madrigal, Joe

WORD

A true disciple possesses the heart and character of Christ.

ORDER

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:27)

PROPHECY

- My children, follow me and be My true disciples. Persevere. The path ahead is difficult but take courage for I am with you.

DIRECTIONS

- Nourish your life spiritually through daily prayers, meditation on His word daily, receiving the sacrament of reconciliation and receiving Him in the Eucharist regularly; and visitation to the Blessed Sacrament.
- Intensify our evangelization and mission work to reach out to those who need God – the poor, the needy, the abandoned, and the outcast.

THEMES AND PROMISES

Week#1 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

[Discipleship]

Theme: We have the heart and character of Christ when we renounce all our possessions and follow him.

Promise: *“...the gracious care of the Lord our God (is) ours; prosper the work of our hands.” (Ps 90:17)*

Week#2 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

[Forgiveness]

Theme: We have the heart and character of Christ when we forgive unconditionally.

Promise: *“I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.” (Ex 32:13)*

Week #3 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

[Stewardship]

Theme: We have the heart and character of Christ when we are trustworthy stewards

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Promise: *"He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor...."* (Ps 113:7)

Week #4 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

[Mercy]

Theme: We have the heart and character of Christ when we share our lives with the poor.

Promise: *"Blessed is he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry."* (Ps 146:7)

Reflection for September 2010

The heart of Jesus is full of love and compassion. We learn a lot about this in the bible. In Matthew 11:29, Jesus said; *"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart"*. In Matthew 9:36, we also read: *"At the sight of the crowds, His heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd."* His heart was also moved with pity, when He saw the widow at Naim, (Lk 7:11-13). Jesus knew the depths of His Father's love for us, as revealed in the parable of the Prodigal Son. He himself, out of love for everyone, allowed His heart to be pierced by our sins (CCC 2269).

The Catholic Encyclopedia tells us that if we consider the life of Jesus in the light of reason, we will find that His strength, poise, and grace are His most characteristic qualities.

His strength shows itself in His way of life, His decisiveness, authority, and His rugged, nomadic lifestyle – He had nowhere to rest His head (Lk 9:58), which leaves no room for weakness or sentimentality. Jesus' strength and resolve are demonstrated when He prayed and fasted for forty days and nights in the desert and then withstood the temptations of Satan (Mt 4:1-11).

The strength of Christ's character gives rise to another quality which we can perhaps describe as 'poise'. His strength lies in his ability to keep a perfect equilibrium between feelings and reason. His body is the perfect instrument in the performance of His duty; His emotions are wholly subservient to the will of His Father. In Jesus, there are no ifs, buts, or maybes. He maintains a perfect balance between the life of His body, His mind, and His emotions. His character is so fully formed; there is no room for vacillation or equivocation. Another trait of Jesus which may be considered as flowing from His poise is His inalienable peace, a peace which may occasionally be ruffled, but can never be shattered either by His inward feelings or outward encounters.

The character of Christ carries with it the trait of grace, which does away with all harshness and lack of amiability. Jesus sympathizes with all classes, with the rich and the poor, the learned and the ignorant, the happy and the sad. He moves with the same sense of familiarity among all classes of society. He chooses common fishermen for the cornerstones of His kingdom, and by His

kindness trains them to become the light of the world and the salt of the earth. He bends down to St. Peter whose character was a heap of sand rather than a solid "foundation", and graciously forms Peter into the rock upon which He builds His Church.

In the first week of September, the Theme is: **We have the heart and character of Christ when we renounce all our possessions and follow Him.** To persevere in being disciples of Jesus Christ, we should no longer be attached to the pleasures, honors, and titles of the world, or to carnal relationships. Then we can have the Promise of the Week: *"...the gracious care of the Lord our God (is) ours; prosper the work of our hands."* (Ps 90:17)

The Theme for the second week is: **We have the heart and character of Christ when we forgive unconditionally.** When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we are reminded that as our Lord readily forgives us when we are sincerely contrite, so too, should we forgive others unconditionally. The Promise of the Week is: *"I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage."* (Ex 32:13)

For the third week, the Theme is: **We have the heart and character of Christ when we are trustworthy stewards.** We should be fully devoted to God, completely trust in His providential care, and serve only Him. The promise of the week is: *"He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor...."* (Ps 113:7)

The Theme for the last week is: **We have the heart and character of Christ when we share our lives with the poor.** We are reminded to lead virtuous lives, shared with the poor if we want to reap the eternal consolation promised by God. The Promise of the week is: *"Blessed is he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry."* (Ps 146:7)

FAMILY ENCOUNTER #15 WEEKEND

Fourteen families answered the Lord's call and attended the FE #15 Weekend held at Mount Mary Retreat Center from August 27-29, 2010. They all came from different backgrounds, status in life, etc. , but, there was one thing they had in common, and that was the strong desire to improve and strengthen the tie that binds their family together.

God, Himself undeniably placed this desire in their hearts and allowed them to experience an unforgettable weekend in their lives. With the powerful sharing of the Pastoral Team namely: Fr. Terry McKenna, Yulo family [Jun, Bing, Joan and J.C.] Dimen family [Rene, Ditas, Ruth and Richard] and the FE #14 sponsoring class, headed by the Andino Family [Gusty, Annie, Darra and Alyssa], who selflessly and humbly offered their God-given time, talent and treasures, unlocked the door and allowed God's healing graces to flow freely among these families.

They all left the retreat center with the knowledge that their relationship is much stronger as love reigns and forgiveness abounds.

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