

*From the DCS-BLD Toronto*

*Changing the Name of the GK Ministry to Breaking the Yoke of Poverty Ministry*

During our recent consultation with his Grace, Archbishop Angel Lagdameo and our Spiritual Director of BLD Toronto, the Reverend Father Ben Ebcas, the DCS brought to the table BLD Toronto's desire to change the name of the present **GK MINISTRY** to the **BREAKING THE YOKE OF POVERTY MINISTRY**. The reasons for the change are as follows:

- ❖ The Archdiocese of Toronto has advised us through Fr. Ben to refrain from supporting Gawad Kalinga for its inability to live up to the Core Values of our Faith. Therefore, we will no longer be able to solicit funds by using the name of Gawad Kalinga.
- ❖ By using the name "Breaking the Yoke of Poverty", BLD Toronto can continue to solicit funds for the poor. Potential donors are reluctant to support programs attached to GK due to the problems they hear about GK and CFC.
- ❖ Changing the name of the ministry will not limit our assistance to helping only the poor in the Philippines or to building homes for them, or educating them. Rather, it will allow us to expand our assistance to other areas where BLD Toronto's help is most needed (i.e. Home for the Aged, Care Givers in Toronto in need of medical assistance, medical missions to name a few) – whether in the Philippines, in Toronto or other parts of the world.
- ❖ The Canada Revenue Agency has very restrictive policies in regard to funds sent out of Canada. As explained to His Grace, BLD Toronto has no alternative option but to use ANCOP Canada's facilities to remit whatever funds are raised to Manila, until such time that BLD Toronto's Foundation or an alternative channel for remitting funds is in place. As BLD in Canada, it is expedient that we develop our own programs and administer the remittance of funds ourselves, in order to establish the needed credibility required by the Canada Revenue Agency to set up a foundation for this purpose.

His Grace has been made aware of the implications of partnering with Gawad Kalinga. He has instructed us to follow the directive of the Archdiocese of Toronto and not sacrifice the project because of its name.

We have an upcoming "ANCOP Walk" on August 29 to raise funds for the Scholarship of Hope. Given the blessings of both His Grace Archbishop Lagdameo and Fr. Ben Ebcas to pursue our program for helping the poor and the needy without using the name of GK, the District Council of Stewards of BLD Toronto is in one mind and heart in changing the GK Ministry to the BYOP Ministry effective immediately.



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**August 27, 2010**

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

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**THEME:**

New life in Christ is conducting our affairs with humility.

**WORD:**

Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29; Ps 68:4-7,10-11; Heb 12:18-19,22-24a; Lk 14:1,7-14.

**ORDER:**

Perform your tasks with humility.

**REFLECTION:**

In the parable on Sunday's gospel, Jesus is doing far more than giving His disciples, those 2,000 years ago and us today, advice on how to achieve the best seats at a wedding reception. As valid and applicable as that counsel is for human situations, Jesus' real point was to teach us how to be exalted at the Eternal Wedding Banquet to which the Host, His Father, has invited "the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind." In order for us to hear those words from God the Father, "Friend, move up higher." which is the deepest longing that exists in the human heart. Jesus says that there is only one way, we must humble ourselves, for it is only the humble who will be so exalted. These are very hard and challenging words in our culture, which values human exaltation. So many of us have been raised with the desire not only to be the best but to be acknowledged as the best, that it is so hard for us to hear Jesus' words today and put them into practice. And if we cannot be the best, we at least want

to be better than others with whom we come into contact. We want to get our own way, rather than conceding to the wishes of another. We want to be chosen and another set aside. We want to be the ones noticed and thanked, and resent it if others get the credit we think we deserve.

To all of us in this culture, Jesus says, *“Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of Heart.”* (Mt 11; 29) He himself personified what was said in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Sirach: *“My child, perform your tasks with humility; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself, so you will find favor in the sight of the Lord.* Jesus’ whole life is a lesson in humility. He performed with humility every task God His Father gave him. Because He was so great, the eternal Son of God, the more He had to humble Himself and by His humility, He glorified His Father. To each of us today, He turns and says, *“follow Me”*.

### **DIRECTION:**

Let us always acknowledge our littleness, our nothingness and our total dependence on God.

### **GOD’S PROMISE:**

*“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and everyone who humbles himself will be exalted.”* (Lk 14:11)



*Mary, Mother of Jesus, give me your heart so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate, so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life, love Him as You loved Him, and serve Him as You served Him, in the distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor. Amen.*

*“Pride destroys everything. To imitate Jesus is the key to be meek and humble in heart.”*

*(Blessed Mother Teresa)*

### ***From the Marriage Life Apostolate***

We are pleased to announce that application forms for the upcoming **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER #32**, to be held on the **15th-17th of October, 2010** at **Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Center in Ancaster** are now available before and after the Mass and every Friday corporate worship from the table of the ME #31 sponsoring class in the basement hall.

Spaces are limited, so hurry and get copies of these forms for your friends and relatives whom you wish to experience a weekend that will change or enhance their relationship as married couples.

## **BREAKING THE YOKE OF POVERTY = FAITH IN ACTION!**



### **JOIN THE ANCOP WALK**

**Sunday, August 29 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Nathan Phillips Square & Armoury Street, Toronto**



*Walk to transform communities and change lives!  
Give needy children an education and build homes for the poor.*



### **BLD 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PARADE OF BANNERS**

The **MISSION APOSTOLATE** is scheduled to showcase their banners on Friday, September 3, 2010. The parade will start promptly at 8:00 p.m. followed immediately by Mass. Formation is to be coordinated by the Apostolate DCS and Ministry Heads. There will be a brief podium introduction of the Apostolate and Ministries. Each Ministry should enter the Church as soon as they are called.

### ***From the Pastoral Services Ministry***

***A Day of Recollection*** Date: September 11, 2010 Time: 9:00am — 4:00pm

Location: OLA Basement Hall  
Invitees: All Covenanted Disciples

*Please mark this date on your calendar.*

*Humility is the mother of all virtues; purity, charity and obedience.*

*It is in being humble that our love becomes real, devoted and ardent.*

*If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are.*

*If you are blamed you will not be discouraged.*

*If they call you a saint you will not put yourself on a pedestal.*

*(Blessed Mother Teresa)*