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*" Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." John 6: 27*



### HOMILY OF POPE FRANCIS ON HIS MASS LAST MAY 5, 2014

In his homily at the Holy Mass on Monday, 5 May, Pope Francis commented on the day's Reading from the Gospel of John (6:22-29). There, the Evangelist recounts how the crowd, whose hunger was satisfied through Jesus' miraculous multiplication of the loaves and fish, go looking for him "on the other side of the sea". The Pope introduced his homily by noting how Jesus "draws the crowd's attention to attitudes which are not good and which, indeed, can be harmful".

After the multiplication of the loaves, "the people were rejoicing" at the miracle Jesus performed. They even "wanted make him king", the Pope said. Yet "he withdrew alone; he went to the mountain to pray. Then the people, who followed him from the heart, who loved him, and who knew that Jesus was elsewhere, went looking for him. Jesus admonished them for this attitude: 'Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me , . . . . The Pope then remarked: "I think it is always beneficial for us to ask ourselves: Why do I seek Jesus? Why do I follow Jesus?".

"We are all sinners", the Pope said. Therefore, we always have some interest, something "that needs to be purified in the way we follow Jesus; we have to work interiorly to follow him for his own sake, for love".

However, the people whom the Gospel describes also loved Jesus. "They truly love him", the Pope said; for "he spoke as one who had authority". Nevertheless, there were also advantages. "In my own following of Jesus," the Pope asked, "do I look for something which is not really Jesus? Do I have a right intention or not?". The answer can be discovered by considering the Lord's teaching, for he "notes three attitudes that are harmful in following him and in seeking God".

The first is vanity. Here Pope Francis referred to Jesus' admonitions contained in the Gospel of Matthew (6:3-5;16-17): "when you give alms, . . . . . is doing". And again: "when you pray, . . . . . secret". And finally: "when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites", but "anoint your head and wash your face" that your fasting may not be seen. Pope Francis noted that Jesus directed this admonition "especially to the leaders who wanted to be seen, because they liked to play the peacock.... And they behaved like real peacocks" the Pope said. But Jesus says: No, this is not all right! Vanity is not all right!".

Sometimes we too "do things in order to be seen". Yet vanity is dangerous, the Pope said, because it can make us slide into pride, and when this happens "it's all over". We must therefore always ask ourselves: "Why am I doing these things? The good things that I do, do I do them in a hidden way or to be seen?" If Jesus says this to leaders, to heads, it is as though "he said it to us, to pastors. A vain pastor does not benefit the people of God". The leaders of whom Jesus speaks in the Gospel loved to dress in luxurious clothing, the Pope said. And he confided that when he sees "a pastor, a priest, a bishop along the streets dressed majestically, as though he were at a worldly reception" he asks himself: "What do the people think of this? That pastor is not following Jesus; be he a priest or bishop, he is not following Jesus. He follows him a little, but he loves vanity".

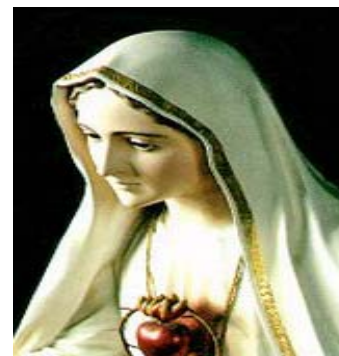
Jesus likewise admonishes those who are motivated by a desire for power. "Some follow Jesus because unconsciously they are seeking power", the Pope explained. He recalled the request of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who wanted a place of power once Jesus had come into the promised kingdom. **(Continued on page 3)**

**VIGILIA DE ESPIGAS** is celebrated by Adoracion Nocturna Filipina once a year. This is the vigil in honor of Our Lady.

This vigil is held in diocesan or section level in May or September when a title of the Blessed Mother is commemorated, usually in one of the Shrines or Sanctuaries dedicated in her honor. This vigil partakes the nature of a pilgrimage involving some sacrifice. Activities during the celebration are: procession in honor of Our Lady, recitation of the Holy Rosary, Eucharistic Sacrifice followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and a brief procession of the Blessed Sacrament inside or outside of the church. The celebration is open to all parishioners.

Adorers of some countires celebrate Vigilia de Espigas "to thank God for the fruits of land and the achievements of human work, putting this work in our hands for Him to transform into fruit of redemption."

In the meeting of the National Council last April 23, 2014, officers were given assignments to represent the National Council to dioceses or sections that had sent invitation for their respective Vigilia de Espigas. The Central Luzon was assigned to Bros. Bobot Ferrer and Nestor Concepcion, Lemery, Batangas to Bro. Larry Katigbak and Bro. Pres. Caloy Landagan and Bro. Jun Trinidad to Tagcauayan, Quezon.



**Our Mother, Blessed Virgin Mary**

**EUCCHARISTIC JOURNEYS**

The Nat'l. Council Organizing Team received a warm welcome from Bro. Ernesto Javier, President of the Pangasinan Reg'l. Council (PRC) and his Treasurer, Bro. Renato Tombo on May 15, 2014. EVP for PRC, Bro. Willie Poquiz invited the NC officers, Bro. Pat Alcorcon, VP-Organizing; Bro. Rod Fermin, Organizer; & his Asst., Bro. Joe 'Buboy' Vega, Jr., as guests during their Binmaley Rotary Club meeting held at Bangsal Seafood Restaurant in Binmaley, Pangasinan.



Bro. Pat Alcorcon gave lectures on three ( 3 ) topics, namely: How to serve the church as an adorers, KLASP – Know, Love, Serve & Proclaim God’s goodness, and AMEN – Adoration, Morality, Education and Nationalism (authored by Arcbp. Rolando Tirona of Nueva Caceres)

**CENTRAL LUZON REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS**

**Formation Seminar Growth Level 1** was held in St. Nicolas of Tolentine Parish, in San Nicolas, Gapan, Nueva Ecija, last May 24, 2014. Five ( 5 ) sections of the Diocese of Cabanatuan were present: Sections 20, 53, 129, 130, 131. There were 109 attendees. The seminar started at 8:00 am with the Holy Mass celebrated by the parish priest, Rev. Msgr. Felix L. Hernandez. In his homily, he emphasized that adoration is needed especially during this time. He requested the Regional Council Officers of Central Luzon to guide and support the adorers of their diocese. Topics discussed were: 1. Pagbabalik Aral sa Kasaysayan, Gampanin ng Adorador, Mga Bihilya, at Sawikain ng ANF, 2. Buhay Panalangin, 3. Si San Pedro at ang Mga Adorador, 4. Mga Katangian ng Mahusay na Namumuno at, 5. Si Maria, Ina Ng Diyos. Speakers were Bros. Nestor Concepcion, Renato Ferrer, Andy Francisco and Bro Pres.. Carlos Landagan who agreed to speak also.

**Basic Orientation Seminar** was conducted in the parish of the Holy Cross, Gen. T. De Leon, Valenzuela City in preparation for the canonical establishment of their turno this June 2014. The attendees were mostly Lay Ministers of the parish, who according to the parish priest, Rev. Fr. Danny Bermudo, should have deeper devotion to the Holy Eucharist. There were 52 attendees.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL FORMATION TEAM (NCFT)**

The National Council Formation Team expanded its membership. The new team is composed of the ff: Bro. Nestor Concepcion - Chairman, Members: Bros. Caloy Landagan, Bobot Ferrer, Rod Fermin, Minoy Lanuza, Larry Katigbak, Pete Bugay, Demy Opinion, Jose Montano, Andy Francisco and Manny Granados - secretary. In the meeting held on May 22, the target establishment of the regional formation teams are: Mindanao - August 2014, Luzon - October 2014 and Visayas - December 2014. The list of probable team members for Mindanao was submitted by Bro. Pat Alcorcon who had met them during their Eucharistic journeys in Mindanao.

**CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION**

During the Execom meeting on May 22, Bro. Caloy Landagan, brought up a topic on Corpus Christi. According to him, a concerned adorers asked him : "What preparation should we have in the celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi, which is also the feast of ANF?. During the discussion, many of the officers said that they have procession of the Blessed Sacrament inside or outside the church. Bro. Nestor Concepcion told the group that in their parish they are holding nine days novena using the rites on the Eucharistic Vigil prior to Feast of Corpus Christi. This has been part of their parish calendar for about 20 years when the parish priest then agreed. The group was given assignment to submit suggestions / proposals.

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**EUCCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY**

The Eucharistic Assembly will be held in October 2015. Initial preparation has started by creating the following working committees:

**Marami** Committee - will be responsible for the attendance, invitation, etc .

Chairman - Bro. Rod Fermin

**Maayos** Committee - will be responsible for the physical arrangement , registration, parking area, etc

Chairman - Bro. Carlos Landagan

**Makahulugan** Committee will be responsible for the awards, certificates, stipend for priests, etc

**ECCLESIASTICAL AFFAIRS GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

The Ecclesiastical Affairs was created to strengthen the relationship of the adorers with the clergy. Bro. Renato T. Ferrer, who heads this new position as Vice President submitted the proposed functions. After deliberation the following was approved:

- 1 . Represents the ANF in different ecclesial functions with or in the absence of the president.
2. Liases with the clergy, the lay and with any person or organization outside the ANF for the promotion of ANF interests.
3. To coordinate with the Vice president for Formation regarding Formation Modules to update ANF adorers on their apostolate and relationship with the bishops and priests.
4. Performs any other function as maybe mandated by the National Director.

**FUNDS FOR ANF PROJECTS**

Questions / Concerns / Suggestions on the issue of funding the ANF projects are listed below:

1. What should be done to improve the income of the National Council to finance the ANF projects?
2. The portion allotted for the National Council's share from the annual dues of P50.00 is not enough especially when the collection has not improved.
3. If all turnos will exert effort in collecting annual dues, easily, P2M can be raised ; because there are more than 100,000 members at P20.00 each (share of National Council from P50.00 annual dues of each member)
4. Can we get sponsors? This will need "good salesmen" to promote ANF and its projects.

Some of the projects the National Council would like to improve are the following: Damayan, Formation of Adorers, Eucharistic Journeys and Tarcisians, and the maintenance and management of the National Council office .

As stated in item 3 above, we adorers are challenged to do the small thing by paying P50.00 annual dues, but, the effect of this will be a big thing for ANF. All officers of ANF, therefore, should take the responsibility of reminding adorers under their responsibilities to be prompt in paying the dues.

**Continuation from page 1 HOMILY OF POPE FRANCIS .**

"In the Church there are climbers, and there are lots of them," the Pope remarked. It would be better for them "to go north and become mountain climbers! It's healthier! But don't come to Church to climb!". Jesus "admonished these climbers who were seeking power. He says to James and John, who loved him very much, but who were looking for power: you do not know what you are asking for, you do not know. The desire for power even among Jesus' own disciples lasts up until the final moment, the Pope said, until the moment when Jesus was about to ascend into heaven. They thought that the kingdom was about to come, and their question to the Lord was: "Is the kingdom coming, the moment of our power?". Only when the Holy Spirit descends upon them do the disciples understand and change their ways. Yet in our Christian lives, the Pope noted, "sin remains, and it therefore does us good to ask ourselves: Why do I follow Jesus? For his sake alone, even to the cross, or am I seeking power and using the Church, the Christian community, the parish, the diocese to possess a little power?".

The third thing "that distances us from a right intention is money", the Pope continued. In fact, there are "those who follow Jesus for money, and with money, they seek to profit financially from the parish, the diocese, the Christian community, the hospital, the college.... Let us think about the first Christian community which had the same temptation, Simon, Ananias, and Saffira.... This temptation was there from the beginning. And we have known so many good Catholics, good Christians, friends, benefactors of the Church, who have even received various honours. Then it turned out that they did rather shady deals. They were real profiteers and they made a lot of money. They presented themselves as benefactors of the Church, but they were taking a lot of money, and not always clean money".

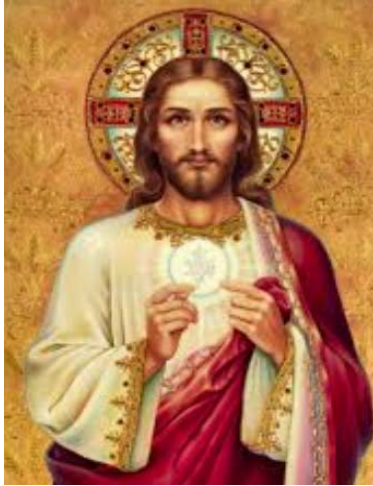
The Pope then repeated the question: "Why do I follow Jesus? 'Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves'. Is there vanity in my following of Jesus? Is the desire for power present? Is the desire for money present? It will do us good to examine our hearts and our consciences a little on the need to have a right intention in following Jesus. Do I follow him for his sake alone? This is the journey of holiness. Or do I follow him for his sake but also in order to gain some personal advantage?".

Pope Francis concluded: "Let us ask the Lord for the grace of sending us the Holy Spirit so that we might follow him with a right intention: for him alone, without vanity, without the desire for power, without the desire for money".

**For reflection and sharing in group of not more than 5, you may start with the following:**

1. **Why do I seek Jesus? Why do I follow Jesus?"**

# EXPERIENCES WITH CHRIST AND THE EUCHARIST SECTION



Starting with this issue, we have added another section, i.e., EXPERIENCES WITH CHRIST AND THE EUCHARIST. This section will feature experiences or testimonies of the adorers who had been blessed with extra gift of experiences with our Saviour, Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Eucharist.

With the addition of this section, we were able to come up with an acronym FIDEL of our newsletter, which represents the following:

- F - formation section
- I - information / current events / executive orders section
- D - direction of ANF section
- E - experiences with Christ and the Eucharist section
- L - leadership section

For those who would like to share their experiences , you may send thru email [ncontrade@yahoo.com](mailto:ncontrade@yahoo.com). We will contact you and we'll do the necessary screening before the publication



## Sharing of experience of Bro. Freddie Acenas, adorador ng Turno 84 ng Balanga, Bataan.

Ako ay si Freddie Acenas ng Bgy. Camacho, Balanga, Bataan. Ako ay nalulong sa mga bisyo na naging sukral ng aking buhay noong mga taong 1970 hanggang 1980. Mahilig ako noon sa pag-inom ng alak, mga babae at droga. Ang sugal ay hindi ko naging bisyo. Nagkaasawa na ako at nagkaroon ng dalawang anak tuloy pa rin ako sa mga bisyong iyon. Halos ang kinikita ko sa pagtatrabaho ay nauuwi sa wala.

Isang gabi noong taong 1980, marahil ay kinalabit na ako ng Diyos. Sa aking pagtulog ay napanaginipan ko ang isang metal na bagay na may lamang puting bilog na bagay. Nakita ko na may liwanag na nanggagaling doon. Maraming tao doon sa harapan ng metal na bagay na iyon at sila'y nakaluhod. Di ko mawari kung ano talaga ang bagay na iyon.

Minsan ay naukuwento ko sa isang kakilalang may edad na ang tungkol sa aking napanaginipan. Ang sabi na aking kausap, *"Naku ! mins'y isasama ka namin sa simbahan upang ipakita sa iyo kung ano ang iyong nakita sa panaginip"*. Isinama nga nila ako sa simbahan. Di ko lang matandaan kung anong araw iyon. Marahil ay first Friday dahil natatandaan ko na sabi nila na tuwing first Friday ay nagkakatipon ang mga tao at nagdarasal sa harap ng bagay tulad ng aking nakita sa panaginip. Nang aking makita ang bagay na iyon ay laking gulat ko na iyon nga ang aking nakita sa panaginip. Doon ko napagtanto na ang bagay na aking nakita ay ang *monstrance* na nakatanghal sa loob ng Bishop Chapel. Ako ay hinikayat nila na sumama sa Adoracion Nocturna Filipina. Ako ay napasama din sa kursilyo. Unti-unti na akong nagbago at umiwas sa mga bisyo.

Taong 1992, itinalaga ako ni Bishop Celso N. Guevarra, bilang Jefe de Turno ng Turno 84. Ginabayan ako ng butihing obispo at sinubaybayan hanggang matutuhan at magampanan ng maayos ang tungkuling iniatang sa akin. Sa kasalukuyan ay nahirang akong muli bilang Jefe de Turno. Nanunungkulan din ako bilang pangulo ng Seksyon 36. Ang dati kong buhay na balot ng mga bisyo ay nagbago at nalimot ko na ang masasamang karanasan. Ako ay nabubuhay na nang may pananalig at pagmamahal sa Diyos at pagdarakila sa Mahal na Poong si Hesus na nasa Santisimo Sakramento sa Altar.

Maraming pagkakataong gusto ko nang iwanan ang aking tungkulin sa Adoracion Nocturna Filipina ngunit hindi ito natutuloy. Marahil, nais ng Diyos na ako ay maglingkod pa sa Adoracion Nocturna Filipina.

## Sharing of experience of Bro. Edward M. Angeles , adorador ng Turno 112, Parokya ng St. John the Baptist, Bataan

Mayo 6, 2013... habang binabagtas ang daang pauwi sakay ng aking tricycle kasama ang dalawa kong anak, binangga kami ng isang rumaragasang van. "Diyos ko, tulungan mo po kami", ang paulit ulit kong sinasambit habang lulan kami ng ambulansya. Ang aking mga anak ay nagkaroon ng bali sa katawan nguni't lalo akong naluha ng sabihin ng doktor na kailangang putulin ang aking kaliwang binti. Paano ako mabubuhay sa ganitong kapansanan? Di pa nagtapos doon ang aking paghihirap. Isang araw matapos ang operasyon, namaga ang buo kong katawan sanhi ng mga pinsalang tinamo sa aksidente. Pinasok ako sa Intensive Care Unit at kinabitan ng mga aparatong magdurugtong sa buhay ko. Sa gitna ng mga kirod at panghihina, ako'y taimtim na nanalangin at humingi ng kapatawaran sa aking mga kasalanan. Ang dasal ko pa sa kanya, "Diyos ko, salamat sa 50 taong binigay ninyo sa akin pero sana dugtungan ninyo ang buhay ko para patuloy na maglingkod sa iyo. Ang inyo pong kagustuhan ay aking susundin at tatanggapin." Sa pagpapala ng Diyos ay bumuti ang aking kalagayan at matapos ang isang buwan ay nakalabas ako sa ospital. Sa pag-uwi, panalangin at pagmamahal ng pamilya't kaibigan ang naging panlaban ko sa pagkabalot at kalungkutan. Naalala ko pa ng hatdan ako ng aking anak ng Banal na Komunyon noong kapistahan ng Corpus Christi ay nakaramdam ako ng karagdagang lakas at udyok na bumangon sa buhay. Tatlong buwan mula ng sakuna, Ako ay naka-wheelchair na dumalo sa aming bihilya. Umaapaw ang aking saya nang muli akong nakaharap at nabantayan sa dambana ang Santisimo Sakramento. Ngayon ay may artipisyal na akong paa at nagagampanan na ng maayos ang itinalagang tungkulin bilang kalihim ng Diyosesis ng Balanga.

Ang sabi nila ang tatag ko daw, ang bilis ko daw gumaling. Ang sagot ko, "Titibay ka talaga pag nakakapit ka sa bisig ni Heskristo." Salamat sa dasal at pagmamahal ng aking pamilya at mga kapatid sa pananampalataya. Tunay na naipakita ang bisa ng panalangin sa oras ng pangangailangan. Higit sa lahat, walang hanggang pasasalamat sa Panginoong Diyos sa panibagong buhay. Hayaan ninyong tapusin ko ang aking salaysay sa mga katagang binitawan ko sa aking kapwa adorador. "Nawalan ako ng paa hindi para bumagsak at malugmok kundi upang lalong tumibay ang pagkakatayo bilang isang mananampalatayang handang maglingkod kay Kristo...maglingkod bilang isang ADORADOR.

**EFFECTIVE AND PROVEN WAYS OF LEADERSHIP**

Every month, we will discuss in this section the different ways in leading a group. In this issue, we will start with the leadership of a Jefe de Turno. Following are simple but effective tips to lead a turno:

1. Know your functions as Jefe de Turno.
  - a. Avail yourself with a Constitution and By Laws (CBL).
 

There are cases when a turno does not have a copy of CBL. This is the reason why they function differently with other turnos which have CBL.
2. Ask questions from your predecessors. Regardless if you are /had been a leader in a big company or organizations, you still need to learn how a turno should be run.
3. Implement or apply the correct process in leading the group.
  - a. Choose the right person you will assign in every position. Ex. Assign a secretary who knows "how to read and write". Assign a flag bearer who is fit to walk and carry a flag.
4. Be resourceful. Keep on learning and educate your co-officers and members. Don't be lazy.
  - a. Study and check the source of funds with your officers.
5. Remember you are not perfect. If you commit mistakes, correct it, and learn from it.
  - a. Be humble.
  - b. Don't be afraid to make decisions.
6. Trust others but apply the check and balance policy.
  - a. Be trustworthy so that others will trust you.
  - b. Be honest so that others will be honest to you

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**TURNO 1699 IN FLORENCE, ITALY CELEBRATES SECOND YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

The only turno of Adoracion Nocturna Filipina outside the Philippines celebrates its second year of establishment on June 7, 2012 in Florence, Italy. CONGRATULATIONS to officers and members of Turno 1699.



**LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEMBES**

- Rev. Fr. Reynold G. Corcino - Chaplain
- Reynaldo M. Rivera - Jefe de Turno
- Rodolfo A. Gabay - Secretary
- Rolando DC Escalante - Auditor
- Leobel L. Torres - Treasurer
- Luisito M. Rivera - MC
- Rolando Megote - Flag Bearer
- Leandro L. Pinon - Adviser

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| Antonio Hernandez       |                    |                      |

**FEAST OF ST. PASCHAL BAYLON CELEBRATED**

St. Paschal Baylon is the Patron Saint of Adoracion Nocturna Filipina. He was born at Torrehermosa, in the Kingdom of Aragon, on 24 May 1540, on the Feast of Pentecost, called in Spain "the Pasch (or "Passover") of the Holy Ghost", hence the name Paschal. His parents, Martin Baylon and Elizabeth Jubera, were poor peasants. He spent his youth as a shepherd. He would carry a book with him and beg passersby to teach him the alphabet and to read, and as he toiled in the fields he would read religious books.

In around 1564, he joined the Reformed Franciscan Order (Alcanterine Reform) as a lay brother. He chose to live in poor monasteries because, he said, "I was born poor and am resolved to die in poverty and penance." He lived a life of poverty and prayer, even praying while working, for the rest of his life.

He was a mystic and contemplative, and he had frequent ecstatic visions. He would spend the night before the altar in prayer many nights. At the same time, he sought to downplay any glory that might come from this piety. He died on 17 May, which is his current feast day, in 1592.

All turnos should hold, at least, one hour vigil every May 17 to honor St. Paschal Baylon as the patron saint.



St. Paschal Baylon