Bukàs Loòb sa Diyòs
(Open in Spirit to God)
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COVENANT COMMUNITY
DISTRICT OF TORONTO

April 18, 2024

To: BLD Toronto Cluster 7 Members

Subject: Broadcast for the week ending April 19, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

BLD Toronto Activities for April 2024

DAY/DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Friday, April 19	7:30 PM	Holy Rosary/Praise & Worship LSS Shepherds Refresher (OLA Hall)
Saturday, April 20	12 Noon	Teachings on Basic Commitment and Motivational Gifts (OLA Room 4)
Friday, April 26	7:30 PM	Holy Rosary/Praise & Worship/WSC/ LSS 40 Welcome/Salubong (OLA Hall)
Saturday, April 27	10:00 AM	Discipling Session 5 – Pledge of the Covenant (OLA Hall)

Reflection for 4th Sunday of Easter (Cycle B, Year II) – April 21, 2024

For the 4th Sunday of Easter, our theme is – **Our faith in the resurrection of Christ brings us to shepherd others with self-giving sacrifice.** Jesus has set the highest example of how to be the servant of all by humbly obeying the will of His Father and accepting His death on the cross to give us life. As our Good Shepherd, he laid down his life for us, His sheep, (cf Jn 10:11). Although He was rejected, Jesus is the "cornerstone" upon which His Church is built and upon whom all of us are saved. Acts 4:12 says, **"There is no salvation through anyone else by which we are to be saved."** Jesus did the ultimate sacrifice, the Servant King, who came to serve and not to be served. Jesus is loved by the Father because He gave His life for us. We can be like Christ and be His under-shepherds by serving others in faith and be instruments of love to them. In Psalms, we sing the promise of God, ***"…they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd,"*** (Jn 10:16b).

(Reflection from CSL)

Order:

1) *"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!"* (Ps 118:1)
2) *"…lay down my life in order to take it up again."* (Jn 10:17)
3) *"…take refuge in the Lord…"* (Ps 118:5)

Direction:

1) Let us abide in Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who knows what is best for us.
2) As good shepherds, each one of us has a responsibility to take care of our brothers and sisters.

3) When we are questioned today because of a good deed done, let us be reminded that our Community is standing in a firm foundation.
4) When Jesus calls us by our name, may we answer and follow Him in faith and gratitude.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) PRAISE & WORSHIP INVITE:

We invite you to join us in person for our Praise & Worship (P&W) on Friday, **April 19, 2024 at 7:30 PM** in The Our Lady of Assumption (OLA) Hall. Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary before P&W.

2) FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF STEWARDS (DCS):

- You are invited to the LSS Shepherds Refresher session after the P&W on Friday, April 19th.

- You are all encouraged to conduct Word Sharing Circle/Living Word Group online via Zoom, if not in person. Please submit your WSC/LWG attendance to the Pastoral Services Ministry c/o Willie Hernandez (smallwillie50@icloud.com).

- Everyone is invited for Community Intercession every Monday evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom, except on the 1st Monday of the month and on holidays.

3) FROM THE DISCIPLING MINISTRY:

This is an invitation to the recent graduates of LSS 39 and previous graduates of LSS and encounters who have not taken the following teachings, and BLD members who want to have a refresher. Please email Vel and Rica of the Discipling Ministry to confirm attendance (velrica0217@gmail.com).

April 20 - Teachings on Basic Commitment and Motivational Gifts
Venue: OLA Room 4
Time: 12:00 to 3:00 pm

To all Aspirants, Disciplers and Co-Disciplers: There will be the following discipling session:

April 27 - Discipling Session 5 - Pledge of the Covenant
Venue: OLA Basement Hall
Time: 10:00 to 3:00 pm

4) FROM THE SINGLES MINISTRY:

The Singles Ministry is inviting all individuals, who are 19 years old this year or older and have never been married, to join us in the upcoming **Singles Encounter #24** on **June 21-23, 2024** at **Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre in Ancaster, Ontario**.

If you are interested or know someone who could benefit from this spiritual retreat, please reach out to any member of the Singles Ministry for a copy of the invitation letter and registration form, or reach us at bldtorontosingles@gmail.com.

5) FROM THE FAMILY ENCOUNTER MINISTRY:

The Class of FE#23 invites you to the **Family Encounter Weekend #24** on **September 14-15, 2024** at the Valley of the Mother of God in Mono, ON. It is an encounter that helps build a family of faith through prayer and sharing. Renew and restore family relationships through dialogue, openness and forgiveness. Come and experience the joy of learning more about your family and grow closer together as a household of faith.

Register now due to limited space. To register, please contact Ed and Lynne Fernandez at 416-277-8712, Alex and Belinda Reyes at 647-686-9841, or Jon and Rowena Bislig at 416-786-2358.

6) FROM THE MISSION APOSTOLATE:

Collection of the Lenten cards will be available on Friday, April 19, before and after P&W. Please see Al & Sol Crisostomo.

Please see attached “Thank You” posters from the Mission Apostolate and the Christmas Toy Drive.

In the love of Christ,

BLD Toronto Stewards