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### MESSAGE

I extend my warm greetings to the members of the Bukas-Loob sa Diyos Catholic Charismatic Covenant Community as you hold your 5th BLD Inter-District Conference, with the theme, “Renew, Commune, Witness ... in Faith, Hope and Love.”

It is good that you have occasions, like the BLD IDC, where leaders from the different districts all over the world could come together to discuss and reflect on the many challenges faced by the community. These assemblies can certainly help in renewing and building up your community.

Pope Francis has urged us to draw from the rich experience of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, and to continue to celebrate and to live out mercy within our communities (cf. *Misericordia et misera* 1). Perhaps one way to do this is by exerting efforts to be a more “welcoming community” – that is, a community where everyone is received and understood, where everyone experiences the mercy and love of God, who makes all things new (cf. Rev 21, 5). A “welcoming community” is a sign of true openness and docility to the Lord. *Ang tunay na pagiging bukas-loob sa Diyos ay humahantong sa pagiging bukas-loob sa kapwa.*

I pray that your gathering will be an occasion for deep renewal. God bless you all.

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