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MESSAGE

I praise and thank God for the 34th Anniversary of Bukas Loob sa Diyos (BLD) Covenant Community. In my initial encounter and dialogue with the Executive Council of Servant Leaders (ECSL), I immediately sense the zeal and commitment of the community leaders to further the growth of the covenant community according to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. I must admit that as a newly appointed Assistant Community Spiritual Director, I plunged into the life and structure of BLD without any experience of directing charismatic communities. But I am open to the movements of the Holy Spirit and willing to share whatever I can as God's instrument for His beloved BLD Covenant Community. As St. Peter the Apostle said – *"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."* (1 Peter 4:10)

I believe that the BLD Global Covenant Community will continue to grow through the unwavering commitment of its leaders and members inspired by deep faith in God, firm hope, and selfless love. The BLD Community Vision will always rekindle the kingdom values in each one – *"As a community of disciples inspired by the Holy Spirit to be living witnesses for transformation in Christ to bring about a world of justice, human development and true peace."* Challenges in maintaining unity and good relationship among leaders and members will always be there; some members may not be as enthusiastic as before or consistent in attendance as they used to be; and the task of evangelization to establish more districts in the country and abroad will not be that easy especially with the issue of personal priorities but God's grace will always be available and poured on us because Christ is a faithful God whose love is everlasting. He is our Strength and our Salvation. *"If God is for us who can be against us?"* (Romans 8:31)

We are just God's instruments in promoting His kingdom here on earth. God knows what is best for BLD Covenant Community and for each one of us. Let us entrust to God all our plans, commitment and our whole being.

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:5-6)

As I pray for all of you, receive my best wishes and paternal blessing.


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