



The cleverness of people with worldly concerns often puts to shame those who claim to believe in the life to come. The creativity and sense of urgency which characterize most business people often contrast sharply with the dullness and complacency of the so-called "religious people." This is a sad reality which was already an "established tradition" in the time of Jesus. To counteract this negative trend, Jesus told the parable in today's Gospel passage.

Today we are challenged to work hard to solve the many problems that beset mankind. We are challenged to get actively involved in creating a better society by working honestly, promoting justice, and using creatively all the opportunities of this life. In the Eucharist, let us ask for the grace to be able to build God's kingdom on earth with creativity and a sense of urgency..

THE CHALLENGE TO BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM



It seems an established fact that the majority of those who concentrate only on earthly values (those we call the "unbelievers") are cleverer and more enterprising than those who profess to believe in God and in the after-life.

The only plausible explanation for such a "contrast" is that many of the so-called "children of the light" (the believers) have

failed to appreciate the relationship existing between this world and the world to come. They have failed to understand that the Kingdom of God is in the making already now, and that all Christian believers are the laborers sent by God to work in it and make it grow as fast as possible and as best as can be.

It is most unfortunate that many generations of Christians, for centuries, have viewed their lives on earth only as a sort of "waiting room" before entering eternal life. They concentrated almost exclusively on the salvation of "their soul" and the souls of others. The dimension of commitment to the promotion of temporal and human values as part of the earthly stage of God's Kingdom was mostly neglected. God's help and providence was all too easily called in to make up for one's lack of vision, foresight, enterprise, determination God was expected to straighten up too many crooked lines; to complete too many unfinished projects. And yet those Christians professed to believe that God has given men intelligence, creativity, strength, . . . to take care of His creation! They professed that Jesus Christ has given his disciples the mission to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom, and to make this Good News a reality. Too much of these wonderful assets were left dormant for too long.

There have been exceptions, of course. Numerous saints of active life and missionaries have always been in the forefront in the building up of the Kingdom not only in the hearts of the individuals, but also in their own society. Their enterprise, ingenuity, dedication, and perseverance have been monumental, amazing, and often heroic. But saints and missionaries have always been far too few.

We are called to be as clever and enterprising in the pursuit of the wonderful goal of building up God's Kingdom as the "unbelievers" do their best in pursuing their worldly objectives. This is our challenge today. It is also an urgent appeal, for there is so much to do, so much negligence of the past to make up for.

WORD & LIFE PUBLICATIONS

Welcome!

**to all our CLEC students and their parents !
May you have a fruitful and enjoyable
school year !**

***YOU ARE ALL CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE FESTIVITIES IN HONOR OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ:**



- ❖ **Nightly Triduum of Masses**
 - **Wednesday – Friday (Sept. 22- 24) @ 7:00 p.m.**
(NOTE: The Wednesday Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and the Friday Novena to Sto. Nino will be held at 6: 30 p.m.)
- ❖ **K of C San Lorenzo Ruiz Assembly Dinner- Dance**
 - **Saturday (Sept.25 @ 6:00 p.m.)**
 - **\$25 Tickets available from Mr. Jun Diaz**
- ❖ **Fiesta Mass – Sunday, Sept. 26 @ 3:00 p.m. followed by an Out-door Procession and Fellowship**
(NOTE: No 11:30 a.m. Mass)

BRING ALONG YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY !



One of the many Catholic traditions is the Marian devotion. We, the Filipinos, especially the Bicolanos, have that extraordinary, exceptional, and devoted love for Mother Mary — the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, too. We believe that she will intercede for us and will lift our prayers up to God. Thus, there is strong belief and unshakable faith that our prayers are answered through the intercession of the Blessed Mother. She has been called many names in different regions of the Philippines. Some of them are the following: Nuestra Señora de Caridad to Ilocanos; Our Lady of Manaoag to the people of Pangasinan; Lady of Piat to Cagayanos; Nuestra Señora del Rosario de la Naval or Nuestra Señora de Antipolo to the Tagalogs and many others. Perhaps, one of her most notable names is Our

Lady of Peñafrancia, more warmly called INA or Mother, to the Bicolanos. The devotion started three hundred years ago, in 1710, when Fr. Miguel Robles de Covarrubias had an image carved, an chapel built and processions held in honor of the miraculous image of the Virgin of Peñafrancia on account the many favors he received through the help of the Virgin, especially pertaining to his health. Since then the devotion has grew and has even reached abroad. Devotees' accounts of healing and favors received through her intercession are a reason for the spread of the devotion. Many have come to Naga as curious visitors and left as devotees of the Virgin.

Today, on the 3rd Sunday of September, in the year 2010, the devotion marks its 300th year with the theme, “Balaog na Inako, Balaog na Itao (Gift Received, Gift Shared).” It centers on the gift of devotion to the Bicol Patroness that dates back 300 years ago. Like the biblical “mustard seed” , the Peñafrancia devotion today is like a “giant tree”, whose branches extend to other parts of the world like America, Europe, Australia, and Asia. The love story between our Lady of Peñafrancia, whom we lovingly call “Ina”, and us, her children, is never ending.

Devotees from all over the world are enjoying the fruits of this Marian devotion, and the aid of Our Lady of Peñafrancia. And today, on her feast day, pilgrims gather once more to pay her homage for favors received.

Today we join the millions of Bicolanos and devotees of “INA” who will once again show to the whole Christian world their strong faith and loyalty to their Heavenly Mother.



VIVA LA VIRGEN ! VIVA ! VIVA EL DIVINO ROSTRO ! VIVA !

STEWARDSHIP - *"It is my wish, then, that in every place the people should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument."* - 1 Timothy 2:8

Try to make it a habit to give God the first few minutes of each day by simply praying, "Lord, what do You want me to do today with all the gifts You have given me?" Then be sure to listen for His response throughout each day.



Your Offerings for the week ending September 12, 2010 totaled
\$ 1, 472.50

Thank you for your continuing generosity!
God bless you always!!!



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR PERSONAL INTENTIONS** offered by **LUCILLE MANIGAO**.



- ❖ To the **new arrivals** from the Philippines;
- ❖ To the **visitors** from other places;
- ❖ To those who have **been away and are back**;



We join in the **Thanksgiving Intentions** of:

MR. & MRS. ROMEO REMEGIO and FAMILY, ALLEN TAN, THE AMBAYEC FAMILY, FILOMENA TADEO SILVERIO, FELIMON TADEO, MIRA SOGUILON, JOSE LUIS & JEANETTE MEDEIROS.



Please join in lifting up to the Lord the **special intentions** of: MR. & MRS. TONY & NORMA FOZ, THE GUILLERMO FAMILY. May the Lord grant them their heart's desires.

❖ Your prayers are humbly requested for all the sick and suffering members of our Mission community and their loved ones especially: FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, SR. ELIZABETH RELACION mic, ELECITA ARACENA, JESS ALCAIDE, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, DAWN DELA PAZ, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, GIGI SALARDA, ANTONINA VIRTUCIO, ARACELI AQUINO, ROMEO AQUINO, WINSTON JAN DOMINGO. May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially CIPRIANO BACOSA, LEANDRO ARMANDO TOLENTINO SR., IGNACIO VALLE, CONCEPCION CASTILLO. BAUTISTA BESAGAS MOLDEZ, LAVINO RODRIGUEZ, DAMIANA BEJARASCO, ROMAN BELDAD, and those dying everyday in battles and calamities around the world. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Stop by or call the FCMM Office (514 387 - 5292) during normal business hours and have a Mass offered for your intention.



HOW MUCH TIME DOES GOD GET?

God has blessed each of us with 1,440 minutes in every day and 10,080 minutes in every week. How many of those minutes do we give back to God each week? Studies show that the majority of our time goes to sleeping, working and watching TV. In fact, typically over 1,000 minutes a week or about 10% of our time goes to watching TV. In contrast, how much time does God get?

Typically, less than 100 minutes or less than 1% of our time is devoted to spiritual activities like prayer and worship. How can you give God a little more of your time? Consider Mass attendance, prayer, spiritual reading, Eucharistic adoration or volunteering.

**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US THIS WEEK FOR THE
SAN LORENZO RUIZ FESTIVITIES. SEE YOU ALL !!!**