



This Sunday's Counsels

THEME: New life in Christ is being one with Mary in her holiness and service.

WORD: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps45:10,11,12,16; 1Cor15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

ORDER: *"Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."* (Rv 12:10ab)

PROMISE: *"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."* (Lk 1:45)

DIRECTIONS:

- Persevere in your spiritual journey.

Willingness and Obedience of the Heart

REFLECTION: Following Mother Mary's example, we will also be able to fulfill our God-given role in this life which is obedience to the faith for our eternal salvation and service for the good of all society. Her legacy to us is multi-layered. She gives us her experiences with salvation history, along with her method of processing these experiences. That is to say, she pondered the Word in her heart, so that like a seed it would bear fruit in due time. As our own Mother, she is teaching us how to live as spiritual adults, in the same way our own earthly mothers would teach us how to live as future earthly adults. The stories of her life have been repeated continually over the centuries precisely so that we can strive to live virtuously to ponder the mysteries of faith in our own hearts. As a strong community of faith, we offer our service for the good of all society. We work to build up a community that respects life at all stages, life in the womb, the lives of our youngsters and teenagers, and the lives of our beloved elders. To promote this culture of



life, we work and make sacrifices so that all may know that, as Christians, we cherish all human beings, for all are endowed with a unique dignity in the likeness of the Creator. Parents and children will find renewed strength in the grace of Christ and in the example and assistance of the Blessed Virgin Mary, model of perfect purity and of self-surrender to God and neighbor. By meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary and by living the same life in Holy Communion, we can become, to the extent of our lowliness, similar to them and can learn from these supreme models a life of humility, poverty, goodness, patience and perfection. Has God ever given you a promise, but you seemed to wait and wait for it to come to pass? Did you respond with trust that it would happen according to His timing? Or did your faith waiver? Our Blessed Mother trusted in God's promises and her life was never the same, nor was

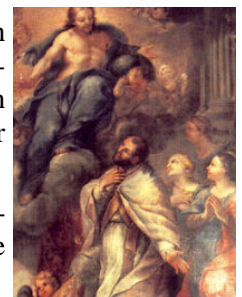
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Saints Pontian and Hippolytus

Pontian, a Roman and son of Calpurnius, had enjoyed a peaceful reign over the Roman Church during Severus' time, but soon found himself among the first victims of this new emperor. Rounded up with the antipope Hippolytus, Pontian was deported to the labor mines. Since deportation was a life sentence which few survived, Pontian felt obligated to abdicate so that a successor might quickly preside over the Holy See. He is the first pope known to have abdicated.

While imprisoned, Hippolytus reconciled his differences with Pontian and even ordered his followers to bring themselves back to the Church. Before he succumbed to the harsh treatment of the mines, Hippolytus became a true confessor of Christ.

Pontian, in the mines only two months, was brutally beaten to death by his jailers. His body, with that of Hippolytus, was returned to Rome approximately a year later, during the pontificate of Fabian. He was buried in the cemetery of Calixtus and was rightfully honored by the Church as a martyr.



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Teaching Schedule



September 2010

- 17 John 6 Series on Miracles—Healing of 10 Lepers
- 19 LSS 0-10 Christian Servanthood TBA
- 24 Youth Series on Parables—Talents
- 25 LSS 0-11 Gospel of Mark, Matthew TBA
- 25 ME12 Christian Parenting II TBA

PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLE, WRITING MATERIALS AND SNACK!

Community Calendar

Sep 17-19 Aspirant's Retreat Ave Maria Retreat
House Doylestown, PA

God's Blessings

Birthdays

Kristine Delacruz	8/16	Jo Ramos	8/17
Libring Yambao	8/17	Malou Paderon	8/19
Manny Rodriguez	8/19		

The Lord's Provision — August 6, 2010

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Everyone is encouraged to bring their Bibles for WSC and LWG.

Keeping Our Feet on the Ground

It was a very rewarding weekend. Made more interesting because the presenter was Archbishop Angel Lagdameo. His exposition was injected with humorous anecdotes and punch lines. If it wasn't for the clerical collar, one would think it was a late nite show. It kept everyone on their feet and clamoring for more. The Archbishop's demeanor showed that he was one of us. Despite his stature, he presented himself as a regular person capable of having fun. But the presentation was not all in jest. He shared his wisdom on the topics of Servanthood, Discipleship and Stewardship. He challenged everyone to *"Put out into deep waters and lower your nets for a catch."*

The Archbishop's presentation was a perfect backdrop to the workshops, where we shared our thoughts on the topics presented. Prominently popping out in the discussions were the concepts of humility, equality and witnessing. Regardless of our positions, we are all tasked to do our fair share in the works of the community, to perform them humbly and to set a good example for others to see. These are factors that can make or break a community like BLD. I look back at the Archbishop's style during the weekend. He succeeded in creating an aura of approachability and making people comfortable with him. He set us up perfectly to examine ourselves and get rid of our iniquities.

It was truly a weekend of introspection. I realized that as we mature in this community, we must keep our feet on the ground and that more is expected from us. If we can foster peace and unity within our BLD community, the better chance we have of evangelizing others.

from Page 1 Willingness.. the world ever the same. It's funny how we sometimes think that trusting God will ensure that our lives will turn out as planned. We know that's not true. Mary did nothing but trust in God throughout her life, and all sorts of difficult things still came her way. However, facing the difficulties of life grounded in the knowledge of God's perfect love and faithfulness, can completely transform the way we experience life's hardships. And that can be a tremendous blessing.

How often have you wanted to give up, to lapse into laziness, to begin making excuses for unloving attitudes and actions. As often as you resist giving up, you become as dear to Christ as His Holy Mother who He saw fit to assume into heaven without the corruption of sin and death.

Unlike His mother, we have sinned and can never merit such divine intervention; but, we're assured that on the Last Day, we too will rise and if found faithful, will enjoy with her and all the saints, the blessed vision of His glory forever. Mary, specially chosen to be the Mother of Christ and the Mother of the Church, has an elevated place of honor in the Church's tradition. She is an esteemed intercessor, who draws us closer to the experience of salvation, which is deeper union with God and peace among us.