

24 October 2022

**FOR: ALL MBG ARCHDIOCESAN/DIOCESAN/PRELATURE/APOSTOLIC VICARIATE/MOP COUNCILS  
ALL MBG PARISHES IN DIOCESES NOT YET CONSTITUTED AS A COUNCIL  
ALL SPECIAL UNITS**

**REF: MBG DIAMOND SERVICE AWARDS**

**My Beloved Mother Butlers,**

The Peace of Christ.

O, I simply must begin with thanking you all. For my birthday, I was so overwhelmed with your greetings, your prayers, your happy wishes, your gifts, most of all your love that came in volumes through different platforms... Face Book, Messenger, Viber, SMS texts, cards, Lazada, Mr. Speedy. I felt so loved... really felt like a precious diamond. Kept asking myself and my Jesus, who am I to be showered with so much caring ... am so unworthy... a simple servant trying with God's grace to say YES to Jesus, the Servant-God we follow, obey and love. It can only be because Christ loves us beyond reason, beyond knowledge... the reality of his love he sends us through good people like you, my Mother Butlers... a reality that is actually like little miracles in our daily life. Thank you thank you for such miracles.

So many reasons to be happy, to thank God for. Lately, since the pandemic lockdown was relaxed, I have received so many photos from our many MBG councils and parishes that show the MBG as out there again, back to work, inducting so many new members, meetings in person, activities in church face to face, formation and re-orientation sessions. Such new energy and passion to serve are so inspiring. All these made alive for me a quote sent by our National Recording Secretary about the MBG being DIAMOND: "(The Mother Butler as a Diamond) is the workmanship of Christ created in Christ for good works. (Ephesians 2:10)" ... meditate on this please and actualize it always. How true that you as a Mother Butler is a workmanship of Christ created for good works.

Our Recognition Day for Diamond Service Awards (DSA) draws near. Here are some details for our celebration...

- There are 3 categories of DSA:
  - National with 3 levels: National Active (38 awardees)  
National Posthumous (36 awardees) and President's DSA (4 awardees)
  - Diocesan Level with 51 participating dioceses: 236 awardees  
Note: 5 dioceses did not make the required number of years of service
- **Recognition Day for National Awardees will be on Dec. 8, 2022 (Thursday) at the RCAM chapel in Intramuros Manila at 2:00 to 4:00 PM**
  - This will be both in person (face to face) and live streamed

- National Active awardees will be sent invitations to attend in person  
Note: Those in the provinces who cannot come to Manila will be sent their trophies
- For National Posthumous awardees, a family representative will be invited to receive the award
- The same applies for the President's DSA awardees
- **For the Diocesan Level Recognition Day and DSA awarding, we leave the date of celebration to the respective Councils,** respectful of different situations/realities in your areas. We shall send you the trophies, God-willing, by end of November. Please email or via messenger, viber or text the date of your celebration.
- We received inquiries for the text we inscribed on the trophies of Diocesan awardees in case their Councils would like to replicate the trophy to add to their quota... here it is:

MBG LOGO

DIAMOND  
SERVICE AWARD

NAME OF AWARDEE

For humbly, lovingly, joyfully  
serving Jesus, our Servant-God  
and his Church

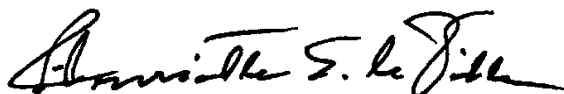
December 8, 2022

Signature of President

I can anticipate the excitement for our Recognition Day and the DSA. But let it be as Pope Francis said... that any celebration be an event of prayer and thanksgiving... that whether in joy or in pain as St. Paul says, we live it in love and as children of light.

Infinitely grateful to God for all of you, and loving you till the Lord puts me to sleep.

Sincerely,



Amb. HENRIETTA T. DE VILLA  
National President