

MOTHER BUTLER GUILD

10 August 2022
Feast of St. Lawrence

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

**REF : MBG JUBILEE DIAMOND AWARD
“The Father will honor whoever serves me.” Jn 12:26**

My beloved Mother Butlers,

The Peace of Christ.

The Mother Butler Guild marked our 60 years of service as servant-handmaids of Jesus our servant-God in 2021. But pandemic lockdown cancelled our plans to gather MBG members nationwide to a grand National Convention. Through discernment and prayer, the Holy Spirit guided MBG@60diamondjubilee toward a different way of celebration.

Our MBG celebration was stretched to three years, with each year focused on a particular theme:

- 2021 – a year of **RECOLLECTION... remembering the goodness of the Lord** through online webinars on the gifts of God that deepen our relationship with him
- 2022 – a year of **RECOGNITION... celebrating the goodness of the Lord** through the recognition of Mother Butlers who are diamonds that mirror Jesus’ love, humility, joy
- 2023 – a year of **JUBILATION... multiplying the goodness of the Lord** through the gifts received from our MBG@60diamondjubilee Raffle

During the culmination of MBG@60diamondjubilee in 2022, we shall seek and search for Mother Butlers who will be recognized and awarded as MBG Jubilee Diamonds for living and serving to brilliance the Love, Humility, and Joy of Jesus, our Servant-God.

I The MBG Jubilee Diamond Award will have two levels:

- National Level whereby the MBG National Executive Board will be responsible in seeking, researching, scrutinizing, verifying in truth and in spirit who will be awarded and recognized as MBG Jubilee Diamonds nationwide.
- Diocesan Level whereby the MBG Diocesan Councils will be responsible in seeking, researching, scrutinizing, verifying in truth and in spirit who will be awarded and

recognized as MBG Jubilee Diamonds in their respective dioceses (5 awardees per diocese); for parishes in dioceses not yet constituted as a Council (1 awardee).

- On the National Level, awardees must have an unsullied record of at least 20 years of service in the MBG; while on the Diocesan Level, an unsullied record of at least 10 years of service in the MBG, and for parishes in dioceses not yet constituted as a Council, an unsullied record of at least 5 years of service in the MBG.
- Each Mother Butler awardee will be given a beautiful diamond glass trophy with an accompanying Certificate of Commendation.
- Awarding ceremonies will simultaneously happen – national and diocesan – on December 8, 2022, feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, our Mother and model of the Mother Butler Guild.

Note:

1. Smaller dioceses need not exhaust all five (5) awards allotted to each diocese but that they follow faithfully the criteria for selection and the process requirements (Items II & III, keeping in mind likewise item IV).
2. Parishes in a diocese not yet constituted as a Council can gather together and jointly select from among their members, faithfully following Items II and III, keeping in mind as well item IV.
3. Special Units are to join the Archdiocesan/Diocesan/Prelature/Apostolic Vicariate Councils to which they belong. (Examples: MBG Holy Rosary Seminary Special Unit in Naga will join the MBG Archdiocesan Council of Caceres; MBG Asian Hospital Special Unit will join the MBG Diocesan Council of Paranaque.)
4. There is no embarrassment if on the Diocesan Level, after faithfully, conscientiously, and prayerfully following Item II, less than 5 awardees can be named; and for parishes in dioceses not yet constituted as a Council, if no one meets the criteria completely, especially in the required number of years of MBG service (Item I).

II The search/selection committees on the National and Diocesan Levels must research, scrutinize, verify the qualifications of possible MBG Jubilee Diamond awardees faithfully, conscientiously and prayerfully following these criteria:

- She must mirror to brilliance, in her life and in her MBG service, the following nature/virtues of Jesus as Servant-God...
 - **LOVE** – that is patient, slow to anger, readily gives and forgives, not jealous or overbearing, rich in kindness even in the midst of trials, steadfast, faithful to her commitment to the MBG/to her family/to the Church, endures all until death do us part.
 - **HUMILITY** – that thinks of others as better than herself, willing and constant to do servant/menial works in the care of the sanctuary, graciously accepts fraternal correction, has no problem in asking forgiveness, is not judgmental, nor gossipy, nor prone to self-promotion, sees Jesus in the face of the poor/the forgotten/the marginalized.
 - **JOY** – that exudes happiness in being called/chosen/sent by God as his servant-handmaid, ever grateful for serving in the house of the Lord, sings praise to God even in trying times and difficult conditions in her work as MBG, total fulfillment in tending to the needs of preparing the altar for the Eucharist, beatitude in washing the chalice that held the Blood of Jesus and the ciborium his Body.

III Aside from the required number of years of MBG service per level, to render the work of the Search/Selection committees on the National and Diocesan Levels, easier, consistent and measurable, the elements in the above criteria (item II) are now given corresponding quantifiable values (per centages):

1. Upholding/reflecting the nature/virtues of Jesus as Servant-God – 40%
2. Living a truly Catholic and prayer life – 15%
3. Excellent performance re-work, duties, responsibilities in the MBG – 15%
4. Inspiring teamwork and relationships with MBG co-members and others – 15%
5. “Going the extra mile” to benefit and promote the MBG organization – 15%

Note:

1. The Search/Selection Committees on the National and Diocesan Levels shall make the necessary tabulation sheets (based on the above) and record on these their evaluation of the nominees for the MBG Jubilee Diamond Award.
2. The names of the nominees accompanied with their corresponding tabulation sheets are to be submitted to the MBG National Executive Board on or before October 4, 2022.

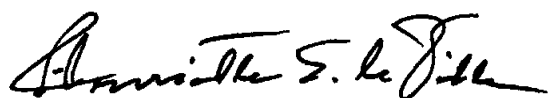
IV The search committees on the National and Diocesan Levels must be conscious and bear in mind as they process their selection that the MBG Jubilee Diamond award is precious:

- A gift, a privilege, an outstanding honor dutifully earned.
- A witness to edifying MBG virtues, exemplary functions and service lived in the dying and rising rhythm of Christian life (pains and grief, joys and hope).
- A symbol of durability, like the diamond that is chiseled to perfection through fire testing, so too the Mother Butler MBG Jubilee Diamond awardee.
- A mirror of sparkling clearness, like the diamond that is rated for its brilliant clarity, so too must the Mother Butler MBG Jubilee Diamond awardee clearly reflect Jesus.

All names of nominees with their corresponding tabulation sheets on the National and Diocesan Levels must be submitted to the MBG National Executive Board in the Pius XII Catholic Center office of Amb. Henrietta T. de Villa on or before October 4, 2022. It takes a month to construct the diamond glass trophy and inscribe on it the name of the awardee. We need to have the trophies ready by middle of November and have enough time to send these to our MBG Diocesan Councils for the Awarding Ceremonies on December 8, 2022.

In recognizing the exemplary life and service of our MBG Jubilee Diamond Mother Butlers we are celebrating the goodness of the Lord who has planted his love in our hearts. Yes, the love of Jesus in our hearts, that each and all Mother Butlers, awarded or not, must give joyfully to others for all of our lives.

Sincerely,



Amb. HENRIETTA T. DE VILLA
MBG National Servant Leader