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FOR: 1. MBG ARCHDIOCESAN/DIOCESAN/PRELATURE/APOSTOLIC VICARIATE/MOP COUNCILS
2. PARISH UNITS IN DIOCESES NOT YET CONSTITUTED AS A COUNCIL
3. SPECIAL UNITS

REF: GOOD NEWS ON UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR 2024

My Beloved Mother Butlers,

The Peace of Christ.

We have by now set aside the Christmas décor and gifts, but the Christmas spirit of peace, goodwill and love is still to pervade our New Year 2024 resolutions and beginning activities. I was so happy to see so many photos sent to me about MBG Christmas parties, with Mother Butlers in different costumes, dancing and singing, having the time of their lives. Now, in the first days of 2024, my happiness level is nurtured by news and photos of MBG activities in parishes and dioceses of recruitment programs, orientation sessions. Inductions and beginning of the year diocesan assemblies... Pasig, Antipolo, Romblon, San Jose Mindoro, Kalookan, Manila, Butuan, Cagayan de Oro, Bayombong, Batangas, Imus, Paranaque, Cubao, and so many other places. The good news far outweighs some sad ones. The MBG active and alive ... indeed JESUS lives.

Your MBG National Executive Board had its first meeting for 2024 yesterday January 15. It was Spirit-filled. So many things tackled... so many plans put on the drawing board... preparations for several big events started. Announcing here some highlights...

- The MBG, with God's grace, will hold your long-awaited National Convention in 2025 (NC2025). Exact date (hopefully in July) and venue are still being finalized. This will give you enough time to prepare your officers and members spiritually and materially.
- We shall likewise hold a National Consultation Seminar (NCS2024) for Council presidents in October 1-3, 2024. This has been a traditional practice prior to a National Convention.
- The guiding theme and attitude for our Preparation Year 2024 is the beautiful passage today in St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians; ***"May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call."*** HOPE for the fruitfulness of our plans. HOPE for the renewal of God's call to us and in us, his Mother Butlers. I enjoin you to repeat again and again this passage in your mind and in your heart. In your meetings too, until you can feel the Holy Spirit building up your hope and leading you to what and how you are to go about preparing for NC2025 and NCS2024.

On the preparations for NC2025 that we have previously announced to you in our Circular on 07 Nov 2024, "...we have to deepen our knowledge of our MBG roots ... our history... our identity... our spirituality..." To help you on this, I attached a paper regarding readings in our MBG Handbook that you must take up during your monthly meetings for 2024. Said paper indicated the articles in the Handbook, also the number of meetings for your discernment, discussion (dialogue) and action (deeds). Since not all Mother Butlers have an MBG Handbook, we shall print the articles in our MBG website and Face Book a month prior to the specific article to be taken up during your meetings. Here is the schedule of posting:

- Traces From the Life of Mother Joseph Butler – posted last December... you are to take up in your January meeting
- Brief History of the Mother Butler Guild – (2 meetings: Feb & March) – posting 15 Jan
- The Significance of Liturgy to the Mother Butler Guild – (3 meetings: April/May/June) – posting 04 March
- The MBG Spirituality – (4 meetings: July/Aug/Sept/Oct) – posting 04 June
- Mother Butler Guild Organizational Structure – (2 meetings: Nov/Dec) – posting 04 Oct
- Before the end of 2024, you will please send to us (MBG National Office) the summary report of your meetings on the reading of the Articles above indicated. Your reports will reference the dynamics/process for our NC2025.

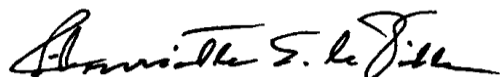
On the preparations for NCS2024...

- We shall send you the program and pertinent schedules/details by 22 July 2024.
- To build logistics for NC2025 with an attendance of 6000 delegates is estimated at Pesos 13M for venue rental and meals alone. To prepare for this, we shall hold a Raffle billed as ***"In the Jubilee Year 2025, MBG of Hope."*** A Raffle ticket will cost 50 pesos... a booklet of 10 tickets will be 500 pesos. Distribution by NEB of Raffle tickets will start in June and end in October during the NCS2024. Collection of sales will start 4 months after date of distribution by NEB. The joy of encountering Jesus in each other, and the experience of a surge in faith and commitment after every MBG National Convention make the cost in terms of time, talent, and treasure worth it all.

In all the places visited by our MBG@*kamustahan2023* team, there was one common desire, one common question expressed by Mother Butlers: "When will we have our MBG National Convention?" Our reply to you all: "God willing, July 2025!" Let's all join minds, hearts, and hands to work for it.

Even now, my heart is close to bursting with excitement, with longing to see you and say to you face to face how I missed you...and how much I love each and all of you my cherished Mother Butlers.

Sincerely,



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