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**FOR: MBG ARCHDIOCESAN/DIOCESAN/PRELATURE/APOSTOLIC VICARIATE/MOP COUNCILS  
MBG PARISHES IN DIOCESES NOT YET CONSTITUTED AS A COUNCIL  
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**REF: MBG NATIONAL CONVENTION 2025 ... *an Afterword***

**My Beloved Mother Butlers,**

The Peace of Christ.

It has been eight days since the close of our MBG National Convention (NC2025). But my heart and mind and soul are still so full of joy, of hope, of thankfulness, of love, of faith... I do not know which comes first. What I know for sure is that JESUS LOVES HIS MOTHER BUTLERS! And that his Mother Butlers love HIM too!

For those who wondered how servants, because that is what we are, could afford such modern technology – huge LED screens surrounding the whole stage, sounds and lights just like in the movies, TV livestream coverage, even a roving drone camera --- my answer: IT IS THE LORD!

For the priests, the bishops, even our Eucharist presiders who marveled at the huge attendance --- 6,480 Mother Butlers from all over the Philippines packing the World Trade Center wall to wall --- I quoted a line in our song Love Story: Because JESUS FILLS OUR HEARTS!

O, you were marvelous... all of you, 6,480 Mother Butlers... you were so happy, always smiling, never a complaint even when the lines for the Rest Rooms were long (I told WTC managers that for our next Convention they should install more Rest Rooms 😊), so obedient to instructions, so open to the Spirit.

I must apologize to you. How I wanted to hug you all. And I know you all wanted to have pictures with me. We were able to cover photo opportunities for three rows of tables on the first day July 11 during refreshment break. Pardon too that my MOP Mother Butlers who accompanied me were firm about no selfies... it was because they wanted to cover more tables for the photo sessions. But we tried to sneak in as many selfies... whenever I would see an outstretched arm with a cellphone, I would crane my neck to be within range of a selfie. O, I love you all.

I must tell you about an incident that happened during our NC2025. One Mother Butler lost her wallet... she couldn't remember whether at the merchandise booths, or while walking around and she told this to our Emcees, Empie and May. Before Empie and May could make an

announcement, a Mother Butler came to them and said she found a wallet in the hall. Our Emcees immediately called the Mother Butler who lost her wallet, asked for some identification... then gave her the lost wallet. The Mother Butler opened her wallet, and lo and behold, everything was intact... all her money... not a single bill or coin was missing. Thank you, Lord, for preserving your house in us.

One other significant observation I noted... even when laughter and noise filled the huge WTC convention hall, when it was time to pray, immediate silence would descend upon us without the Emcees asking for it. O God, I whispered, thank you for teaching your Mother Butlers how to pray... reverence for your presence when they pray.

We lacked time to collate all the reports from the Circles of Discernment. I requested our 3 National Vice Presidents – Cynthia, Lee, and Nancy --- to just gather the reports of the Regional Rapporteurs and to give a summary to me after our NC2025 so that I could report this to you. They gave me a draft of the NC2025 Statement and the Summary of Resolutions last weekend. I went over their draft and expanded it a bit. I was ready to distribute this to you when Cynthia sent me a folder with all the raw reports of the Regional Rapporteurs. O, how rich, how full of the truth about what the MBG is... again from our song Love Story “... the simple truth about the love Jesus gave to me...”

Since it will be like writing a novel if I were to include all the reports here, I will just cite some in the hope that this would encourage you to keep on persevering... to remember always that it is Our Lord who called you, who calls you still... that it is Our Lord who chose you, and chooses you still... because JESUS wanted you to be his own, and HE WANTS YOU ALWAYS TO BE HIS OWN.

1. Situations/occasions of encounter with Jesus that brought so much happiness:
  - Trials, sickness, death of a family member, loss of wealth... then the sudden awareness that Jesus is there suffering with his Mother Butler... his closeness gives hope, gives peace.
  - Times when all seems hopeless, the end of everything, no way out ... then the realization that for God nothing is impossible... hopeless situations open the door for his grace to move in... that Jesus will never abandon his Mother Butler.
2. Means/ways for the MBG to facilitate in others encounter with Jesus:
  - Closeness with Jesus moves the Mother Butler to share this closeness with others by reaching out to those in need, not just in the MBG, but in our parish.
  - By being good, kind, compassionate, and forgiving, not quick to judge or be angry in our daily interactions ... by simply living a good Christian life will be the MBG attraction of grace for others to know Jesus and make him known, to love Jesus and make him loved.
3. Some other expressions that define what a Mother Butler is...
  - Faith is expressed in our service... hope is expressed in our endurance... love is expressed in our joy.
  - *“Natuto kaming sumayaw sa pagwawalis sa simbahan... natuto kaming kumanta sa pagdadasal...”*

- *“Dahil ang gawain ng Mother Butler ay nakapaligid sa Blessed Sacrament, tuwing nagkukumonyon ako, damang-dama ko si Jesus nagpapahinga sa puso ko...”*
- *“Masaya maging Mother Butler, kahit may hirap at maraming pagsubok... alam mo di ka nag-iisa... nandyan ang mga Mother Butlers kasama mo... higit sa lahat nandyan si Jesus sa tabi mo...”*
- *“In times of pain and suffering... when we are moved to tears, then the tears are HIS PRESENCE...”*

**Note:** There is one reflection that I will reprint and attach in full, that of Nona Sablan of Bacolod, who is also a member of our MBG National Executive Board...it has many valuable insights for us Mother Butlers to ponder in our hearts and to practice in our service.

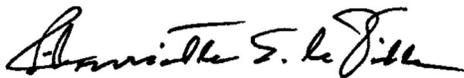
And I marveled at how, by the grace of God, the Mother Butlers have nurtured the blessing of docility to the Spirit... the Holy Spirit who tells us all what Jesus has taught: to act justly, to love goodness, and to walk humbly with our God (Micah 6: 8). O, my cherished Mother Butlers, always always ask the Holy Spirit to retain this in you.

The Mother Butler Guild has been a precious part of my life for 62 years. It has brought me to heights beyond my “wild imaginings” ... its practice of servanthood in the way of Jesus has transformed even the most painful moments as occasions of saying YES to God with joy. And you, my Mother Butlers, each and all of you are the hundredfold gifts of Jesus to me.

I ask you to love being a Mother Butler... to love walking together, serving together, praying together as we continue our MBG journey together to the blessed life... to the Kingdom... to Christ who is our all in all.

Love you all.

Sincerely,



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***To know Jesus and make him known. To love Jesus and make him loved.***