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Dear Disciples of Christ,

“Proclaim the Word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths, But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.” (2 Tim. 4:2-5)

It is my pleasure to introduce a new blog, **“The Word and Spirit.”** This blog contains reflection articles, which are written by members of the Bukas Loob sa Diyos community (BLD) as they meditated on the goodness and love of God recorded in the Scriptures and on the victory of Christ in their own lives. Many of these reflections, which tell of grace, healing, and growth, are worth sharing because they will encourage, inspire and help to build up the whole Body of Christ.

The BLD Word Ministry is entrusted with propagating the Word of God through written and spoken means. Hence, this new Word Ministry blog was created with this main objective in mind: to nurture and promote the love of the Gospel in the service of the New Evangelization. Its immediate audience is the BLD community, both local and global. With the grace of God, the ministry hopes to be able to reach a wider audience outside of BLD, beginning with ecclesial movements and communities in the Archdiocese of Newark, and hopefully beyond.

The blog consists of 3 categories:

1. **Counsels** – This contains the scriptural message to the Community as discerned by the Community Leaders and in accord with the theme and direction provided by the Council of Servant Leaders of its mother community.
2. **The Sacred Page** – This contains theology or study of scripture.
3. **God Moments** – This contains insights, personal testimonies about a retreat, experience in personal prayer or in the liturgy, etc.

The title of the blog, **“The Word and the Spirit,”** is taken from St. Irenaeus of Lyons' *Against the Heresies*: “the Word and the Spirit are like the two hands of God.”

Let us welcome this new venture and spread the word.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely in the Lord,

✠Most Reverend John J. Myers
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