

it. LAMP missionaries may be married couples, single men and women, as well as religious sisters and priests. People normally commit to becoming a LAMP missionary for at least one year, and are provided with ongoing training and support. They carry out their mission primarily in the urban environment of the greater New York area; however, LAMP ministries is now spreading to other areas of the country. Website: www.lampministries.org.

- **Society of St. Vincent de Paul:** This is an organization of Roman Catholic lay men and women whose primary mission is to help the poor and less fortunate. Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul leads its members, known as Vincentians, to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. Vincentians are united by their spirit of poverty, humility and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic Rule. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ. Website: svdpusa.org.



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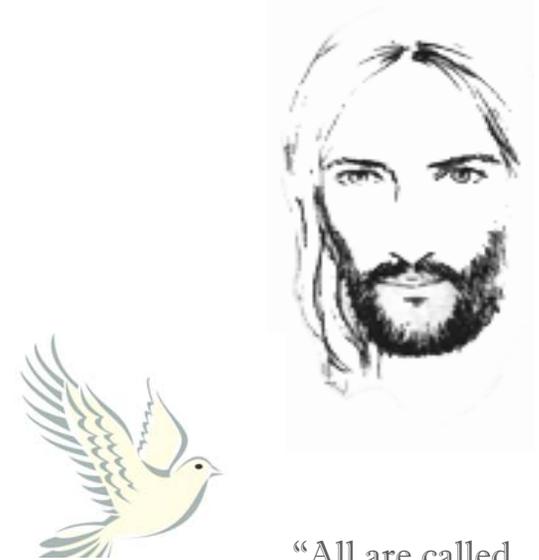
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As a follow-up to our previous pamphlet on lay/ecclesial associations, we offer here more information to aid parishes in their desire to guide their people and form them in holiness. Just as the early Christians were a “community of believers of one heart and mind” (Acts 4:32), so are we called to be. In “Deus Caritas Est”, Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, “I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own. Communion draws me out of myself towards him, and thus also towards unity with all Christians.” Lay/ecclesial movements attempt to accomplish this very thing: to bring people into true communion with one another, and so with Christ.

As before, general contact information is offered at the end of each description. Local contact, where possible, may be obtained from the office of New Evangelization.

- **BLD (Bukas Loob Sa Diyos):** means “openness to God”, being attuned in Spirit to Him who loves us and has given Himself up for us. BLD, which originated in the Philippines, is a communion of individuals, couples and families who

are called by the Lord to build a community of disciples of Jesus Christ, who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will renew and strengthen our Christian faithful through programs of Christian “encounters”, namely: Marriage Encounters, Family Encounters, Single Encounters, Solo Parent Encounters, and Life in the Spirit Seminars; though programs of Christian Discipleship, Spiritual Growth and Pastoral Care aimed at developing Christian leaders and witnesses; and through programs promoting servant leadership and poverty alleviation in society. Website: www.bldlongisland.com.

- **Cenacles of Life:** A “cenacle” is a prayer group that prays the way the Blessed Mother and the Apostles prayed in the Upper Room, awaiting the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Cenacles of Life are prayer groups that pray two rosaries (ten mysteries) offering the rosaries up with fasting. Each member fasts one day a week on bread and water, and offers up the fast at the prayer group. The prayer group agrees to meet at least once a week — preferably in a Church, not a home. The Cenacles of Life are for renewing the Spirit of Life from within the Church. It is the graces from these Cenacles that will be used to transform the face of the earth — and to defeat this culture of death. Website: www.cenaclesoflife.org.
- **Emmanuel Community:** The Emmanuel Community is a Catholic association of people from all states of life: lay people, both married and single, men and women consecrated in celibacy, and priests who live in community. Members share the

desire to live out, in a radical way, a call to holiness, which is their vocation as baptized Catholics. The core of the Community is the Jesus Fraternity, which is made up of members who give themselves to the Lord in consecration and total devotion to the mission. The life of the Community and its members, who are worshippers living in the heart of the world, revolves around the Eucharist. They share the certitude that God is present in the life of every person and that He loves us. The mission of the Community is to reveal to every man and woman the presence of the God of Love in their lives, Jesus Christ, who is “Emmanuel”, “God with us.” Website: www.emmanuelcommunity.com.

- **Heart’s Home:** Founded in 1990 by Fr. Thierry de Roucy, Heart’s Home is an international Catholic organization committed to promoting a culture of compassion. Heart’s Home provides an opportunity for young people to dedicate at least 14 months of their lives to serve the most suffering people in the world. There are 30 “service centers” (one in the Bronx) and two “villages for the poor” (in Brazil and India) where young people can assist the lost and forgotten, providing services such as shopping, cooking and transportation; visit AIDS and cancer patients, providing end of life care; and work with immigrants and minorities. Website: www.heartshomeusa.org.
- **LAMP Ministries:** LAMP is a Catholic lay missionary association, comprised of people who serve among the materially poor, with a focus on evangelization. It is a path to holiness for those who embrace