Bulay-bulay sa Bibliya ngayong Semana Santa 2019, II

INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY: "… `Ako ang puno; kayo ang mga sanga. Kung kayo ay mananatili sa akin at Ako sa inyo, magkakaroon kayo ng maraming bunga; wala kayong magagawa kung kayo ay hiwalay sa Akin'…" (ang Panginoong Jesus, ang ating Diyos at Tagapagligtas, Juan 15:5, Bibliya).

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BULAY-BULAY SA BIBLIYA NGAYON SEMANA SANTA 2019, II: Nais ko pong ituloy nating mga mananampalatayang Kristiyano na pagbulay-bulayan ang ilang bahagi ng Bibliya, lalo na yung may direktang epekto sa ating mga buhay,

Para sa araw na ito, pinili ko ang pangako ng matinding kapangyarihan na ibinigay ni Jesus, ang ating Diyos at Tagapagligtas, sa Juan 14:12, at ang pangako naman ng mga pagpapalang ibinigay ng Diyos Ama sa pamamagitan ni Moises, sa Deuteronomio 28:1-14.

Sa Juan 14:12-14, sinabi ni Jesus: "Katotohanang sinasabi ko sa inyo, sinumang may pananampalataya at naniniwala sa akin ay makagagawa ng higit pa sa mga himalang ginawa ko, sapagkat ako ay patungo na sa Ama. At ibibigay ko ang lahat ng inyong hihingin sa aking pangalan, upang mabigyang papuri ng Anak ang Ama. Gagawin ko nga ang anumang hihingin ninyo sa pangalan ko."

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MGA PAGPAPALA SA PAGSUNOD SA DIYOS: Sa Deuteronomio 28:1-14, sinabi ng Diyos: "Kung makikinig lamang kayo sa tinig ng Diyos at susunod sa Kanyang mga utos na ibinibigay ko sa inyo ngayon, itatampok Niya kayo sa lahat ng mga bansa. Mapapasainyo nga ang mga pagpapalang ito kung makikinig kayo sa inyong Diyos at susunod sa Kanyang mga utos. Pagpapalain kayo sa lungsod at sa kanayunan.

"Ang bunga ng inyong sinapupunan ay pagpapalain, at ganundin ang ani ng inyong mga lupain, at maging ang inyong mga alagang hayop. Ang inyong lalagyan ng pagkain ay pagpapalain. At pagpapalain kayo sa inyong pagpasok at paglabas. Ang mga kaaway na magtatangkang lumaban sa inyo ay ipatatalo sa inyo ng Diyos. Lulusob sila sa inyo ngunit magkakanya-kanya sila ng pagtakas.

"Padadalhan kayo ng pagpapala ng Diyos sa inyong mga bangan at sa lahat ng inyong gagawin. Pagpapalain kayo ng Diyos sa lupaing ibibigay Niya sa inyo. Itatampok kayo ng Diyos bilang sambayanan Niyang banal, gaya ng Kanyang ipinangako, kung makikinig lamang kayo at susunod sa Kanyang mga utos.

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SAMBAYANANG TINATAWAG SA PANGALAN NG DIYOS: "Dahil diyan, makikita ng lahat ng tao sa mundo na tinatawag kayo sa pangalan ng Panginoon, at matatakot sila sa inyo. Bibigyan kayo ng Diyos ng kasaganaan---sa bunga ng inyong sinapupunan, sa inyong mga alagang hayop at sa mga ani ng inyong mga lupain---sa lupaing ipinangako Niya sa inyong mga ninuno.

"Bubuksan ng Diyos ang kalangitan, ang imbakan ng Kanyang pagpapala, upang padalhan kayo ng ulan sa kapanahunan, at pagpalain ang gawa ng inyong mga kamay. Magpapautang kayo sa maraming mga bansa ngunit hindi kayo hihiram kaninuman.

"Kayo ang itatalaga ng Diyos bilang mga pinuno, at hindi tagasunod. Kung makikinig kayo sa tinig ng Diyos na ibinibigay ko sa inyo ngayon at maingat na susunod sa mga ito, lagi kayong mangunguna, hindi kailanman magiging huli. Huwag kayong liliban sa pagtupad sa mga kautusang ibinibigay ko sa inyo ngayon, ni liliko sa kaliwa o sa kanan, o sasamba at maglilingkod sa mga diyos-diyusan.

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CHED, DBP deal to fully implement student loan program

MANILA -- The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on Wednesday signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) for the full implementation of the Student Loan Program for Tertiary Education-Short Term Basis (SLPTE-ST).

"The partnership between CHED-UNIFAST (Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education) and DBP is the final component of RA 10931 to help needy students pursue undergraduate and graduate studies in public and private schools by providing them short term loans for their education needs," said CHED chair J. Prospero de Vera III in his speech at the MOA signing.

SLPTE-ST is one of the programs under the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act with a PHP1-billion fund for academic year 2018-2019.

Through the loan program, CHED and DBM seek to provide timely and automated disbursement requirements for the UAQTEA's SLPTE-ST and other scholarships, grants and financial assistance programs.

Students enrolled in state colleges, universities and CHED-recognized local colleges and universities, and private higher education institutions listed in the UNIFAST Registry of Institutions and Programs can avail of it.

"The main beneficiaries of this will be students in private universities, because in public universities there are no more tuition and miscellaneous," de Vera said.

He added that the student loan may also be used for books; complementary education related equipment, tools and supplies; cost of tertiary education allowance or stipend; and review expenses for licensure examinations administered by the Professional Regulation Commission.

"This is not just for paying tuition, not only for undergraduates, this is open also to those in graduate school and then for the immediate needs like before your licensure exam you need to borrow money becuase you're going to write a thesis," he said.

De Vera clarified that they will "not be operating the loan program from scratch" and that the students will pay their loans while they are studying.

"(We're) tapping it to the existing financial assistance programs of the universities, the students of those universities already know where to go, where to apply. The effect of this we will be increasing the amount of money that is available for students...on the first year of implementation, we do university-based, short term student loan program only, a loan program which many universities are already running and they are running it well," he said.

Meanwhile, DBP executive vice president Fe Susan Prado said they are honored to partner with CHED and UNIFAST in the implementation of the student loan program.

"We will be using a Direct Remittance Servicing System where there'll be an opening of regular savings account by the student beneficiaries with no initial deposit, no maintaining balance, there's an ATM card that they can use in automated teller machines and point-of-sales terminals nationwide," she said.

Prado added that the SLPTE-ST is given to qualified student beneficiaries during the enrollment period at the beginning of a particular term and must be paid within the payment loan term period of 12 months.

"One important feature is you have loan and you pay it within the year, there'll be no interest. And, based on the standing of the students when it comes to payment, and approval of UNIFAST, they can borrow, can loan again and again," de Vera said. (PNA)

Duterte to bare fund sources of PCIJ

MANILA -- President Rodrigo R. Duterte said he would soon bare the funding sources of the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ), claiming the media organization is out to harm his reputation.

Duterte, who earlier described PCIJ journalists as "paid hacks" for writing a three-part report scrutinizing his family's wealth, said he could prove that they were indeed being funded.

"Yang Philippine Investigative, ilabas ko. May ilabas ako (I'm going to release something). Maybe this week. Puro bayad 'yan. ..puro pera-pera 'yan sila. Maniwala kayo (They're being paid. Believe me) I'll show you how," Duterte said a PDP-Laban campaign rally in Batangas on Wednesday.

Duterte emphasized that he did not obtain the information on the PCIJ's funding from intelligence reports, but did not identify his actual source.

"Ito hindi ito ibinigay sa akin ng intelligence ng Pilipinas. Ibang… Pero makita mo 'yang mga investigative journalism walang --- huwag kayong maniwala niyan (This was not given to me by our country's intelligence. It came from somewhere else. But don't believe those in PCIJ)," Duterte said.

"Pera-pera 'yan pati 'yang mga writers na… Ipakita ko sa inyo (Their writers are being paid. I'll show). I'll have it published," he added.

Malacañang has repeatedly insisted that the President has "properly declared" his wealth, stressing that it is not a violation of the Constitution not to identify where the source of the wealth came from.

Duterte also criticized online news site Rappler anew for making a business out of writing news reports, saying their job never really made them any richer.

'Yang mga Rappler na 'yan, hindi nila… Ang pera na… Bayad 'yan lahat...kung ang negosyo lang nila magsulat-sulat lang, mga pulubi kayo sa totoo lang (The reporters of Rappler, they don't. The money. They're all paid. If their only business is writing, they'll stay poor)," Duterte said.

"Saan niyo kunan ng pera? Milyonaryo kayo?(Where do you get your money? Are you millionaires?)," he added.