



# PONDO NG PINOY SUNDAY

September 2021

**Gospel:**  
**Mark 9:38-43,**  
**45, 47-48**  
26th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

## United in Doing Good for Others

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Our Gospel reading this Sunday reminds us of two things:

**UNITY.** Our world today is very divisive because of so many reasons like politics, ideology and world views. We have also been isolated this time because of the pandemic. Despite this, the Lord encourages us to be united in doing good for others. Whoever you are, whatever is your religion, or culture, or nationality you are called to do good.

Pondo ng Pinoy is a call to unity through our contributions whether big or small. Through the help of Pondo ng Pinoy, poor and marginalized communities feel that they are not alone in their difficulties in life.

**GOOD ACTIONS INSPIRE.** Jesus encourages us to do good to uplift the spirit of others; doing bad that causes a stumbling block. We admire people who did good to others like St. Theresa of Calcutta, like the frontliners of this COVID-19 pandemic and many more. Their goodness affects others and influence others to do the same.

In Pondo ng Pinoy, small acts of goodness are an inspiration and at the same time a formation of the heart. It inspires others to share and to give. We learn of stories of people, even the less fortunate who helped, or students who have no income but saved their "crumbs" (coins) to help others. And the communities who were helped are also beginning to give and share. What an inspiration!

In the spirit of the Gospel, may we all be united in doing good for others.

## Encountering God through Others' Shared Blessings

by Formation Team  
Social Action Commission  
Diocese of Novaliches

Formation provides an organized understanding of the faith that God bestows and develops in each of us. We all know that faith is not as easy as learning the A to Z. We all know that faith is an encounter with God in our lives. Formation comes helpful in deepening our response to the encounter with God.

On July 4, the Diocese of Novaliches gave an online orientation and catechesis of the Pondo ng Pinoy to beneficiaries of the Educational Assistance Program (EAP). The beneficiaries are recipients of the charitable acts of others, including those who practice the Pondo ng Pinoy way of life (doing regular small acts of kindness that are rooted in the love of God and neighbor for the empowerment of poor and marginalized communities). The shared blessings are more recognized when the EAP beneficiaries know the actions of love of other people, whom they do not know even by name. Knowing how even strangers are willing to share their blessings for these students may be the channel of encounter with God for these youths. And the orientation and catechesis given may deepen their understanding that the charity of others is God's prompting.

Conducting the orientation and catechesis was also a moment of deepening for the formation team of the Social Action of the Diocese of Novaliches. The team, already practitioners of Pondo ng Pinoy way of life—constantly aware and concerned of one's neighbors and concretizing this by way of saving "mumo" (crumbs) or coins for the poor—sees this service of faith as an opportunity to invite the EAP beneficiaries to the Pondo ng Pinoy way of life.

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Mga Ganap  
Ka-Pondo

# Pondo ng Pinoy Orientation for Educational Assistance Program (EAP) Beneficiaries July 4, 2021

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