

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

(John 10:1-12)

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to

In Pondo ng Pinov, works towards fullness of life starts with crumbs compassionately given, collected, and distributed through community projects to help in the poverty reduction of the poor and disadvantaged communities in the hope of not only being liberated from subsistence survival but in helping uphold their human dignity.



The Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:31-32)

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

As stewards of our kapwa, Pondo ng Pinoy's evangelization program reminds us of this task of providing less for ourselves and more for the poor, even with only little acts of kindness because when pulled together, may help ensure that the Gospel message of salvation reaches where it is most needed in our society. "Anumang magaling, kahit maliit, basta't malimit ay patungong langit." (Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, D.D.)

Jesus' Mission Statement

(Luke 4: 16-21)

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord."

Pondo ng Pinov from its beginnings has always channeled its resources to help the poor. Following the salvific works of Jesus and the vision of the Philippine Church to become a Church of the Poor, Pondo ng Pinoy promotes its four pillars primarily for everybody to be in solidarity with the least, the last and the lost.

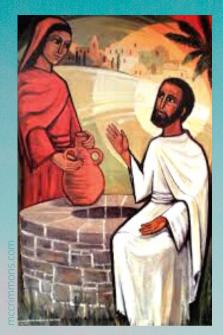


The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

(Luke 16:19-31)

There was a rich man clothed in luxury and feasted daily on sumptuous meals. While on his doorstep was Lazarus, a poor man begging for the rich man's crumbs. When Lazarus died, he went to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and went to Hades. In torment, the rich man asked Abraham for mercy but was not heeded.

People of affluence are faced with this situation every single day of their life, oftentimes resulting to a way of life of pagkamkam, pagkamanhid, at pagbabale-wala sa Diyos. Pondo ng Pinoy reminds us to examine our faith and look deeply into our sense of trust in God (faith), compassion, and constant awareness of the presence of a living God so that we will be mindful of the poor around us.



Jesus and the Woman at the Well (Luke 4: 16-21)

"Jesus, on his way to Galilee passed though Samaria, an "enemy territory." Tired and thirsty, he sat by a well where a Samarian woman came to draw water.

At first it was Jesus who was thirsty, at the end of the story, it was the woman asking for the "living water" that Jesus gives.

The challenge for us is to go to the "wells" which people, especially the lost, the last, and the least frequent. Pondo ng Pinoy's programs do not end with implementing projects for the poor but hopefully make the receivers feel the presence of God through the compassion shown them. And to the givers, to feel the joy of loving and giving of one's self. In Pondo ng Pinoy, one can share in Christ's mission, whether giver, or receiver.



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Pondo ng Pinoy Prayer

Lord Jesus,

you taught us that the Kingdom of God is like the mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds. Yet when grown, it becomes a big tree where birds play and make their nests.

Lord, in this spirit, Pondo ng Pinoy lives its vision. Little acts of kindness done with constancy realize your Kingdom here and now. Through these little acts we reach out to the little ones, the least, the lost and the last in our community. We hope to uplift the lives of the poor, create opportunities that can change their lives, and free them from misery. We hope to be an instrument of your love by caring for them. Thus, Pondo ng Pinoy teaches us that charity is an act that starts small and done with consistency in order to be effective and true.

On the other hand, the same spirit of Pondo ng Pinoy teaches us that these little acts of kindness are life-changing not only to the receiver but also to the giver. The constancy of sharing molds our being into a person that you want us to be, living in charity and love. By giving with regularity the giver learns

to empty himself/herself and creates a space for others in his/her heart consciously. By sharing even just a "crumb" everyday, the giver grows healthier and stronger in charity. Thus, in Pondo ng Pinoy, we do not only share but by giving we also receive.

Lord, help us, as we try to live the spirit of Pondo ng Pinoy, to realize your Kingdom here on earth and attain fullness of life in the here and now.

Amen.



Pondo ng Pinoy in Five Gospels

Pondo ng Pinoy:
Embodying New
Evangelization Towards
Fullness of Life

Formation Framework

Pondo ng Pinoy 4 Pillars: small acts. done regularly. rooted in love. empowering communities