



Invitation to Bishop Reynaldo G. Evangelista First U.S. Pastoral Visit on Saturday, July 13, 2019

It is our singular honor and blessing on behalf of the CSL to invite you to the First U.S. Pastoral Visit of Bishop Reynaldo G. Evangelista (BRE), who was recently appointed by the Catholic Bishops of the Philippines (CBCP) as the Assistant Community Spiritual Director of our BLD global community (to assist Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, our current Global Community Spiritual Director and eventually succeed him as Community

Spiritual Director of the BLD Global Community). BRE will be coming to the US East Coast (BLD Clusters of Newark, Long Island, Trenton, Washington DC) for his very first pastoral visit on July 12-13 (Friday & Saturday) here in BLD Newark. The East Coast Cluster -wide plenary session / fellowship will be on July 13, 2019, Saturday, beginning 12:00 pm (noon) through 8:30 pm, at the Divine Mercy Parish grounds in Rahway, New Jersey.

Bishop Rey Evangelista is the present Bishop of the Diocese of Imus. He was installed as the fifth Bishop of Imus on June 5, 2013 by Pope Francis, succeeding Bishop Luis Antonio Tagle, now Cardinal and Archbishop of Manila. He was ordained a priest on June 19, 1986 and appointed Bishop of Boac, Marinduque on December 11, 2004. He is currently the President of Commission on Vocations and member of the Permanent Council of the CBCP, the National Spiritual Director of Mother Butlers Guild, and Vice-Chairman of Pondo ng Pinoy Foundation. Bishop Rey was Abp. Lagdameo's student at the St. Alphonsus School of Theology in Lucena City where he took up his theology.

It is indeed an honor and privilege for our communities/ districts to be hosting his visit. As Prelate of a very large diocese (5 million + parishioners) and despite his very busy schedule BRE has chosen to visit BLD Newark-Long Island- Trenton- Washington DC Clusters as his very first clusters and districts in the US to be blessed by his presence. He will be accompanied by the Presiding (CSL) Servant Leaders Ariel & Alice Pastoral- CSL - Pastoral and Jojo & Koi Jalandoni- CSL - Mission.

We pray and hope that you'll be able to come on July 13, 2019 to meet BRE and the attending CSL in person. Please RSVP through the BLD Newark website at <https://www.bldnewark.com/>. Please indicate your name and your BLD district affiliation when you respond. This will greatly help the sponsoring committee to marshal and effectively manage the logistical details.

We eagerly look forward to seeing all of you.
Till then take care and God bless,

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