

“For surely I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD,  
plans for your welfare and not for harm,  
to give you a future with hope.” ~ Jeremiah 29:11

Widowed? Separated? Divorced?  
Single Parents? Single Caregiver?

## Join us for an **ENCOUNTER WEEKEND WITH GOD**

### WHAT IS AN ‘ENCOUNTER WEEKEND’?

This Encounter Weekend is a spiritual renewal program for individuals who are widowed, separated, divorced, single parents or single caregiver. It is a retreat weekend that allows the participants to experience God’s healing grace in a very personal way. The atmosphere is one of joyful praise and worship done as a community, combined with quiet and personal prayerful reflections.

### OBJECTIVES

- To know the love of God and recognize His workings in our “solo” lives.
- To receive the Lord’s grace and be open to His healing and restoration.
- To have a fresh awareness of our “solo” role at home, in the workplace, community, and society.
- To have a conversion of heart, a renewal of mind, and a transformation of life that will ultimately lead us to bring God’s message of love to others.

### PROCESS

A priest presides over a prayerful weekend aided by several individuals who will share their lived “solo” experiences. With songs, prayers, and the empowering of the Holy Spirit, the participants will be led through -

- inspirational Catholic teachings
- personal reflections
- personal testimonies and witnessing
- small group sharing and activities
- daily celebration of Holy Mass

### REGISTRATION FEE

\$ 50.00 which covers food and all retreat materials.

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# Bukas Loob sa Diyos (BLD) – Who are we?

BLD stands for the Filipino “Bukas Loob sa Diyos,” which in English means “Open in Spirit to God”. We are a community of disciples inspired by the Holy Spirit to be living witnesses for transformation in Christ who bring about a world of justice, human development and true peace.

## OUR VISION

- We are a communion of families and a community of persons called together as one people through a moment of encounter and a process of renewal to a relationship of faith, hope and love with God.
- We are reconciled with the Father by our saving faith in Jesus Christ, by our renewing trust in the Holy Spirit, and by our uniting compassion with one another.
- We are blessed with personal gifts – spiritual and natural, innate or acquired – which we yield to the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.
- We give freely and fully of ourselves to love and serve one another as we seek and proclaim God’s Kingdom. We commit as disciples of Jesus, to speak the Word of God and do the deeds of Christ among His people.

## OUR CHARISM

We are the Lord’s under-shepherds. We are witnesses to the Word of God so that others may hear and understand. We are counselors with the Holy Spirit so that others may have healing and wholeness. We are defenders in Christ of those who suffer injustice and oppression.

## OUR MISSION

We are called by the Lord to build communities of disciples of Jesus Christ, whom empowered by the Holy Spirit, renew and strengthen the Christian faithful through programs of Christian encounter (e.g. Marriage, Family, Solo Parent, Single, and Youth Encounters, and Life in the Spirit Seminars), of spiritual growth, pastoral care, and poverty alleviation.