



**Foundation of Balay Pasilungan,
Inc.**

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Christmas is the time of the year to remember people who have touched our lives in one way or another. The pandemic has imposed us with so many restrictions, but it can't take away what's best about the season: the experience of gratitude, love and connection.

During this time of great uncertainty we've been comforted, encouraged, and humbled by the outpouring of generosity and support for our community here in Balay Pasilungan. In this letter, I just wanted to express our gratefulness to our friends for being a strong support to us when we need it the most. Your friendship has truly proved how much you care for us in Balay Pasilungan. No words could better describe what your friendship has meant to us over the years.

This is why, as we enter in the Holy season of love and light, we remember what your dedication to the Lord's service means to us especially to the children under our care. Your prayer and your financial help make possible the continuation of Mary's missionary work here in Davao City Philippines.

We have accomplished so much together as a team and the well-being of the children of Balay Pasilungan. We have done so much up to now, but we have a lot of challenges in front of us. We rely on you as a faithful partner to continue to support the work of friends of Balay Pasilungan in order for them, to support the mission.

I join with the Board of Trustees, Staff, Volunteers and Marist Fathers & Brothers in the District of Asia, in praying and hoping that you will continue to always have enough strength left to continue giving of yourself, of your time and of your resources, so that you can fully enjoy whatever opportunities God may bring your way in the year of 2021.

The final thing I wanted to let you know about is that I will be moving on and finishing my term here at FBPI, after 7 years of service as Director. It has been an absolute privilege to be part of this ministry. I am very humbled by your support and friendship I have formed in this role.

Fr. Gil Casio,sm a Filipino Marist will take over my role as Director and he can be contacted using the following email address: gcasio@gmail.com and you can also contact him in his mobile at +63 921 324 0385. The FBPI Admin Staff will also be available if you have any questions or concerns and you can email them at balaypasilungan@yahoo.com. Fr. Gil will update you on any addition or changes after my departure.

Thank you gratefully for all and wishing you peace, joy, happiness and every good thing in life, we remain yours, faithfully as always.

Merry Christmas 2020 and Happy New Year 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lionel R. Mechavez,sm".

Fr. Lionel R. Mechavez,sm