

What it is

The Alliance for the Common Good or **Kapatiran Party** (Kapatiran) is a Comelec-registered national political party that stands on a platform with clear and specific policy objectives all aimed at enhancing the common good, promoting the politics of virtue and the politics of duty.

What it seeks to do

Dedicated to work for the common good of every Filipino, regardless of religion and social and economic status in life, **Kapatiran** aims to make politics an effective means for the integral development or total well-being of all rather than a tool for the advancement of a privileged few; to help make every Filipino a vehicle for social and political transformation; and to help translate into reality a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

Today, POLITICS is synonymous with celebrity politics, pork barrel, patronage, payoff, deception, hypocrisy, dishonesty, immoral compromises and ELECTIONS are mostly won through the use of guns, goons and gold!

How it shall accomplish its mission

Two ways: (1) through **EDUCATION**

The election of good leaders depends on the kind of voters we have. A country gets the kind of leaders it deserves. We cannot put all the blame on the "trapos" for we were the ones who put them there in the first place. Because **Kapatiran** believes in "*first things first*", education is given the highest priority for action in collaboration with the political movement, **KPK** (Kapatiran sa Pangkalahatang Kabutihan). The education component and objectives of **Kapatiran** are: COMMON GOOD; CHARACTER BUILDING; CONSISTENT ETHIC OF LIFE; VALUES FORMATION (*based on Sanctity of human life; Dignity of the human person; Solidarity; Call to family, community and participation; Rights and responsibilities; Option for the poor and vulnerable; Dignity of work and rights of workers; Peace and active nonviolence; Progressive disarmament; Universal purpose of earthly goods; Care for God's creation*); and BASIC POLITICAL EDUCATION including good citizenship.

(2) through **POLITICAL ACTION**

Only through **Kapatiran** can we carry out the mission of **KPK**, to do away with bad politics, and prove that politics can be a medium through which we can love our neighbors; promote justice, authentic peace, human rights and the common good.

Kapatiran will focus more on moral principles than political expediency, more on the needs of the poor and the vulnerable than the interests of the rich and the powerful, more on the pursuit of the common good than the demands of special interests, and more on the culture of life than the culture of death.

What makes **Kapatiran** different from the other political parties is that it has a platform with clear, specific policy objectives and all its national and local candidates are committed to support the Party's platform. With a musical score under the title "common good," its candidates will be like members of an orchestra playing harmoniously and producing a perfect symphony. Not a single discordant note shall be allowed.

The Politics of Virtue. **Kapatiran** will introduce the "politics of virtue." The cultivation of virtue makes individuals happy, wise, courageous, competent. The result is a good person, a responsible citizen and parent, a trusted leader. Without a virtuous people, society cannot function well. And without a virtuous society, individuals cannot realize their own or the common good. This is what the politics of virtue is all about.

The Politics of Duty. What has destroyed our political culture has been an over-insistence on rights at the expense of responsibilities. If everyone will do his/her duty there will be no occasion for anyone to claim one's right. **Kapatiran** will lead in reviving the idea that small sacrifices by individuals can create benefits for all. It is well to remember "that men individually are responsible for what they make of themselves but collectively they are responsible for the world in which they live."

Kapatiran believes that "the future will be different if we make the present different." Clearly, **Kapatiran** is a viable alternative.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

(Article II: Declaration of Principles)

Section 1. *Belief in God Almighty.*

Section 2. *Life and Dignity of the Human Person.* We believe that every human life is sacred from conception to natural death, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether or not it enhances the life and dignity of the human person.....

Section 3. *Family, Community and Participation.* The human person is not only sacred but inherently social.....

Section 4. *Rights and Responsibilities.* As social beings, our relationships are governed by a web of rights and corresponding duties.....

Section 5. *Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.* The moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable members.....

Section 6. *Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers.* The economy must serve people, not vice versa.....

Section 7. *Solidarity.* Because of the interdependence of all members of the human family around the globe, we have a moral responsibility to commit ourselves to the common good at all levels: in local communities, in our nation, and in the community of nations. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be.....

Section 8. *Care for God's Creation.* The world that God created has been entrusted to us, yet our use of it must be directed by God's plan for creation, not simply by our own benefit.....

Section 9. *Peace and Active Nonviolence.* The road to total liberation is not the way of violence, class struggle or hate; it is the way of love, brotherhood and peaceful solidarity.....

POLITICAL PLATFORM

SPIRITUAL DIMENSION

1) Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

MORAL DIMENSION

- 2) Promote the integral development and total well-being of all Filipinos – in and outside the schools – through character-building, values formation,...consistent ethic of life and basic political education.
- 3) Dismantle the social structures that glorify guns, sex and pornography, the culture of death and violence, dishonesty, vice, materialism and hedonism, and replace them with structures of virtue, peace, responsibility and achievement.
- 4) Abolish all forms of gambling whether run by government or the private sector.
- 5) Abolish the death penalty.
- 6) End the use of torture to extract confession.
- 7) End fraternity violence in schools and other institutions, as well as in sports whose main aim is to inflict physical harm or violence on the opponent.
- 8) Actively promote responsible parenthood and natural family planning.
- 9) Reorient mass media towards fostering values that contribute to the formation of national commitment that is *maka-Diyos, maka-bayan, at maka-tao*.

FOREIGN POLICY

10) Fulfill Isaiah's prophecy: "They (peoples) shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks,

nation shall not raise sword against another nation, neither shall they train for war again (gunless society)”; to be a nation that is a friend to all and an enemy to none; pursue peace based on love, justice, reconciliation, active nonviolence and progressive disarmament for all nations.

SOCIAL DIMENSION *(Good Governance)*

- 11) Abolish the “pork barrel” system in any form and regardless of its name.
- 12) Accord the highest priority to projects and programs for the underprivileged, the homeless, the elderly, the prisoners, the disabled veterans and the youth; and support non-government organizations or communities whose projects directly benefit the poor.
- 13) Make representation before the Supreme Court to bring about the speedy administration of justice.
- 14) Ensure rapid and sustained economic growth for sustainable poverty reduction and better quality of life for all.....
- 15) Ensure transparency and public accountability in government activities and transactions; reinforce vigilance against graft and corruption, abuse of authority, and waste in all three branches of the government and at all levels of bureaucracy; public officials must live within their means and shun profligacy.
- 16) Enforce by administrative/ criminal action failure by public officials to liquidate their cash advances within a reasonable period of time as may be prescribed by law or regulation.
- 17) Undertake a thorough review of the systems and procedures and guidelines on procurement in all government institutions aimed at forestalling the commission of graft and corruption.
- 18) Promote a safe, clean, healthy and wholesome environment, particularly zero-waste management; promote stewardship as a way of life; and promote the development of parks throughout the country.

SOCIAL DIMENSION *(Peace and Order)*

- 19) Make it a criminal offense for anyone to carry a gun or any other deadly weapon in public places, unless the bearer is authorized, in uniform and on duty; enforce the law against the use of tinted windows in motor vehicles.
- 20) Restore the original stiff penalty for the illegal possession of firearms, without pardon or parole.
- 21) Mandate the periodic public inventory, decommissioning and melting down of all confiscated guns for conversion into useful instruments.
- 22) Actively promote a drug-free Philippines by helping identify drug lords, pushers and users and taking part in their arrest, prosecution and sanction according to the tenets of justice.

SOCIAL DIMENSION *(Political Culture)*

- 23) End the practice of appointing former military officers as Secretary of National Defense.
- 24) Disallow elected and appointed public officials from writing regular columns, from acting in movies and television shows, from acting as commentators or anchorpersons on radio and television, and from appearing on TV and radio commercials and print advertisements and billboards.
- 25) End the unwholesome practice of setting up billboards or similar media in public places naming the public official responsible for the project.
- 26) Apply to everyone the Constitutional ban against relatives of incumbent government officials up to the third degree from seeking public office simultaneously or succeeding the former, and to make it unlawful for any member of the Senate or the House of Representatives to run for another office without first resigning from his/her position six months before the elections.
- 27) To field national and local candidates (servant leaders) who are morally upright and competent and who subscribe to the objectives and platform of the Party.
- 28) Submit to the Filipino people proposed amendments to the Philippine Constitution consistent with the principles, values and objectives of the Party.

How Ang Kapatiran was organized

Sequentially, it was the political movement - the **KPK** (Kapatiran sa Pangkalahatang Kabutihan) - that inspired and gave birth to **Kapatiran** as a political party. Organized by ordinary citizens and people of different faith, the **KPK** aims to develop an enlightened, mature and responsible citizenry from which servant leaders will emerge. The **KPKs** "*Aspirations of the Filipino People*" became the platform of *Ang Kapatiran*. While both organizations have their own separate personalities, their members share the same vision - "*to make themselves a gift to God and to others.*"

Membership to the Party is open to all regardless of religion and economic & social status in life provided that he/she embraces ALL that the Party stands for. The Platform and Declaration of Principles of **Kapatiran**, should NOT be treated as smorgasbord. All **Kapatiran** candidates and its members are "one for all and all for one."



*A national political party
registered with the
Commission on Elections
that espouses
a new brand of politics:*

THE POLITICS OF VIRTUE THE POLITICS OF DUTY

*"Walang sinuman ang nabubuhay
para sa sarili lamang...tayong lahat ay
may pananagutan sa isa't isa..."*

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