



To the Elders' Assembly
COUPLES FOR CHRIST
c/o Atty. Joe Tale
Ms. Maribel Descallar

Dear All,

The three of us have somehow been made aware of the problems, concerns and plight of the Couples for Christ as affected by the existing relationship among the seven-man Council Members. The big problem is that the leaders are divided over Couples for Christ vis a vis Gawad Kalinga.

We are not in this letter going into the details of the problem.

When leaders are disunited, it will be difficult to govern and expect obedience from members.

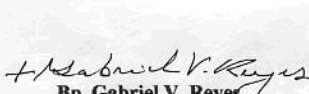
Our strong recommendation is that the 7-men Council Members should return to the table to discuss about their differences, and problems with one another. Even if it takes several sessions of discussion, let them do it with humility, openness of mind and heart. Remember: they are not doing this for their individual sakes but for the good of CFC.


Our second strong recommendation is that the scheduled election in June by the Elders Assembly be postponed until the leaders have come to a common understanding about Gawad Kalinga as a CFC social apostolate and about CFC as a "private international association of lay faithful approved by the Church." It appears that certain CFC principles and way of life are giving way to Gawad Kalinga. The spiritual and pastoral culture of CFC must not be sacrificed for the sake of GK. Nor should GK be imposed on all since there are other pillars of concern.


Drastic changes can invite further division and misunderstanding.

Holding CFC in our prayer in these days of testing, we invoke God's blessing on all of you.

Sincerely yours,


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