COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth

UNITED AND STRONG IN CHRIST

"I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call." EPHESIANS 4: 1-4.

The complete joy and peace of our Lord be with you all!

We uphold the Face of Christ as the face of Couples for Christ. He is our supreme owner and prime mover. Through His will, our community has been established and, has grown to what it is today. Christ remains our ultimate inspiration – the One who leads, guides and directs the life, vision and mission of CFC.

We, the 7-man CFC International Council, continues to exercise its mandate to lead the community, while adhering to the highest Christian morals, utmost integrity, fair play and unwavering commitment to the truth. We stand united with the CFC Board of Elders and the overwhelming majority of the Elders' Assembly in defending our CFC life and mission, and moving our community forward in the hope of our Lord.

We thank God for the gift of Couples for Christ! The Council honors you and commits with you to safeguard, with our lives, our CFC Vision **("Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth")** and Mission **("Bringing Glad Tidings to the Poor")**. We believe that our 7 Pillars are a blessing and a calling from God so that He can use us to bring His vision and mission to the fullness of life. Each and every Pillar is a gift that mirrors the goodness of God and enables us to accomplish our primary task of evangelization.

God's mission for us is urgent, important, and unchanging and so, we need to move forward as **"one body and one Spirit"** (EPH 4:4), for there is so much work to be done! We need to help each other raise more leaders and servants who have the moral and spiritual capability to deliver the totality of God's work. We need to enable each and every member to be a believer and advocate of each Pillar, even if he or she understandably will only have the energy and time to serve in 1 or 2 Pillars. We believe that while God allowed the 7 Pillars to evolve at different paces, God wants servants across the different Pillars to appreciate each other, to actively seek ways to help one another, and to integrate areas of common goals. To build our mission readiness focused on the top priority areas of our community life, we will call on CFC leaders and member representatives to a Pastoral Congress to be held October of 2007.

Many of our members seek an update on our relationship with our beloved Bishops. There is great hope in our efforts to restore our relationships with the Bishops, (after the Elders Assembly decided to continue with elections contrary to Bishop Reyes' strong recommendation). Last Saturday morning (July 28), Bishop Reyes called CFC Director Joe Tale to inform us that the Episcopal Commission on the Laity, composed of seven bishops, will meet with the CFC International Council on August 28, 2007 to help our community move forward. It is the responsibility of each and every CFC member to nurture and treasure our relationship with our beloved Bishops, and so we humbly seek your prayers for this meeting – truly a wonderful opportunity given us by God to be guided by our Bishops as we move the Lord's Vision and Mission forward in the next 25 years!

Let us therefore continue to fix our eyes on Jesus, as we press on with the important work that lies ahead. This is the best way that we can protect and pass on this work as a legacy to our children, and to future generations!

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