



COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth

CFC International Council Statement

In our August 1, 2007 Statement, we expressed sadness that by his actions, Bro. Frank Padilla has separated from the community. We also made it clear that those who join Bro. Frank will likewise be deemed to be separated from CFC. Even as we issued such statement, however, we also expressed our openness to dialogue, and in fact, a dialogue is scheduled for August 14.

The past few days, however, has seen a relentless drive by Bro. Frank and his group to cause more divisiveness in the community, undermining the present Council in the process, and using our CFC structure to do so. They have filed their incorporation papers with the SEC, using the name Couples for Christ for Family and Life. This has not been approved by SEC, but this action by itself will sow more confusion for the community. We in the Council are duty bound to protect and preserve the name of the community. They have also set up a separate office. Through a brother, an appeal was made for a “ceasefire” until at least the August 14 dialogue, but this appeal was rejected by Bro. Frank.

All these leave us no option, brothers and sisters. We therefore reiterate to all Metro Manila Sector Heads and Provincial Area Heads/Directors that Bro. Frank Padilla and his group have left CFC of their own volition and are no longer members of the community. They can no longer claim the same rights to use the CFC structure, particularly if these rights are used to cause more division.

We make it clear though that we respect those who are in the process of discernment. Those going through such process are still very much part of CFC, and we appeal and hope that you stay with this community where we have grown and served together. However, if one’s conscious decision, whether by word or action, is to leave CFC, then we shall respect that decision as well.

We ask the MM Sector Heads and the Provincial Area Heads/Directors to take such steps as are necessary to preserve and protect CFC, including not allowing the use of the CFC structure for divisive actions. MM Sector Heads and Provincial Area Heads should immediately designate leaders to take the place of those who have resigned/joined the group of Bro. Frank. However, everything must be done with Christian love. Be fair but firm.

We take this opportunity to announce that Bro. Joe Yamamoto is now acting Sector Head, West C, and Bro. Lito Tayag acting Sector Head, Central B.

Keep praying, brethren, for this community that we all love.

CFC International Council
August 3, 2007