



COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth

COUNCIL STATEMENT

August 31, 2007

A MESSAGE OF HOPE

"Let's agree to use all our energy in getting along with each other. Help others with encouraging words; don't drag them down by finding fault." **Romans 14:19**

The dialogue that the bishops arranged to bring together the CFC under the International Council and the group of Bro. Frank Padilla has been conducted. We learned much from the wisdom and guidance of our spiritual advisers. We committed to submit ourselves to the Church and to the bishops on matters of faith and morals. The bishops accepted that separation is the most acceptable option at this time, but CFC under the International Council remains open to the possibility of unification in the future.

Our beloved bishops, through Bishop Gabriel Reyes, have affirmed the Vatican international recognition and the CBCP national recognition of CFC under the International Council. This brings us great rejoicing and encourages us even more to persevere to be worthy of this recognition.

As we leave behind the bitterness of the past months and refocus on the mission and vision that the Lord has tasked us to do, let us live out the words of Paul in Romans 14:19. Some individuals attempt to mislead us and the world into trying to negate God's pure and beautiful work in CFC and Gawad Kalinga. But we continue to do this wonderful work. We continue to put forward the 7 pillars, including GK. We continue to put all our energy in getting along with others. We continue to pursue God's upward call in Christ Jesus!

God bless us all.



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