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Dear Bro. Joe,

The Love and Peace of Christ!

I am writing to tell you, as head of the International Council of the Couples for Christ (with Gawad Kalinga as one of its ministries) that I am resigning as spiritual director of the CFC (with Gawad Kalinga as one of its ministries).

Since the beginning of this conflict in the Couples for Christ I tried, as much as possible, to remain as spiritual director of both conflicting groups, the CFC (with Gawad Kalinga) and the CFC-FFL, because, as such, I am in a good position to mediate between the two groups towards a peaceful and fraternal solution of the conflict. However, as things have developed, I think it is good that I resign as your spiritual director.

My reason for this decision follows below.

Of course, you need not consult or inform me as your spiritual director about all the decisions that your group makes. But there are some kinds of important decisions before making which it is proper to consult or inform your spiritual director. You have made decisions like these a number of times without consulting or informing me first.

Besides, there are important issues in this on-going controversy about which your group and I do not agree. So, it is good for your group and me that I resign as your spiritual director.

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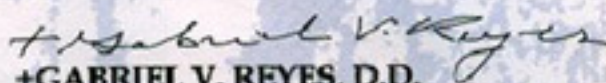
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Before ending, I would like to state that as spiritual director of both CFC (with Gawad Kalinga as one of its ministries) and CFC-FFL, I did my best to be neutral, in the sense, that I did my best to uphold the rights of each group. However, to be neutral does not mean to be neutral between right and wrong. To be neutral means to side with what is right no matter who is at the side of right and who is at the side of wrong. I can say that I always sided with what I thought was right.

My resignation is effective today, May 5, 2008.

Let us pray to Christ through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, that both groups, because of their love for Christ, strive to find a fraternal and peaceful solution to this problem.

Yours in our Lord,



+GABRIEL V. REYES, D.D.

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