



# COUPLES FOR CHRIST

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Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth

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## CFC INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL STATEMENT

### DEFENDING CFC AGAINST A NEW CHALLENGE

We are again facing a serious challenge in CFC. Today our beloved community is being undermined by destructive forces that seek to divide CFC and foment disunity and confusion.

A few have started to organize a group called CFC-GK, which is separate and distinct from CFC. This follows the same tactic that FFL used when they broke away from CFC in 2007. Like FFL they claim that they are 'authentic' CFC.

In the last statements and Q and A given out, it has been emphasized that there is only one CFC and it is the one that has been conferred the title of "private international lay association of Pontifical right," that is governed and led by an established leadership structure through the CFC International Council. Those who claim to be CFC but choose to place themselves outside the CFC leadership by not submitting to the leadership of the International Council cannot be real CFC members. There is no community without unity in leadership and direction. Neither can there be unity in direction without active support and submission to one institutional leadership.

Those who are organizing and forming the 'CFC-GK' group also went to the extent of blatantly accusing the CFC IC of being 'anti-poor and anti-GK'. Such accusation is simply not true.

We are disturbed by the disinformation being spread. The International Council has consistently tried to preserve the relationship between CFC and GK in continuing the work with the poor, but to no avail.

1. The IC, for over two years now, have been patiently addressing the various issues on GK, not leaving CFC like others did, but doing so within the framework of being one community.
2. The IC intended to ensure the oneness of the leadership in CFC and GK by the designation of the GK President from among the members of the IC. This was rejected by the GK brethren.
3. We thus took the next step intended to preserve both CFC and GK, and this was to let go of GK governance and corporate structure, but making it clear that we were not letting go of the GK work itself.
4. We had hoped that even while there are now two distinct organizations, we would collaborate in the work with the poor. In fact we proposed modes of partnership, in both CFC-managed sites and GK-managed sites. CFC members may serve in both CFC-managed sites and GK-managed sites. They are not being asked to choose between CFC and GK. Unfortunately, these proposals were also rejected by GK.

5. With the help of the local leadership, we have identified the CFC-managed sites. Therefore, those CFC-managed GK sites will solely be under the pastoral and organizational authority of CFC.
6. Finally, let us all strive to maintain loving relationships and an openness to the Holy Spirit's empowerment and guidance.

We therefore ask all of the CFC brethren to stand firm for our beloved community. Please do not be swayed by the disinformation and do not allow yourselves to be used in the spreading of false information. We ask all to preserve the unity of CFC and refuse all attempts to divide the community.

Those who will form part of this new group, and especially those who are actively campaigning for membership in this new group, are deemed to have left the CFC community and are no longer members of Couples for Christ.

God bless us all.

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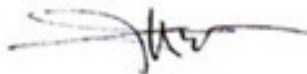
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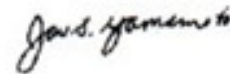
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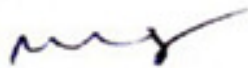
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