

RESPONSE TO CFC International Council Statement OF 03 AUGUST 2007

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.

[We are indeed separate from the CFC led by this Council that does not submit to the Church. However, we are still CFC, we are the restored and true CFC.]

Even as we issued such statement, however, we also expressed our openness to

[A dialogue was insisted on by the SFC leaders, which dialogue the Council reluctantly agreed to. We of course agree. However, to date, the dialogue is not firm because Tony Meloto has not signified his attendance.]

dialogue , and in fact, a dialogue is scheduled for August 14.

[The Council has hardly been open to dialogue, but only wants to insist on its mandate and anointing, and so everyone should just obey. They do not face legitimate issues, but only attack and malign.]

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

[There is no such relentless drive. However, there are many among our brethren who are dismayed by the Council and who are for restoration. They are doing this on their own initiative. The relentless drive is in fact being undertaken by the Council. This includes signature campaigns, even intimidating people to sign letters of support. Just ask someone you know in the Home Office. The staff there are crying and in pain because of the actions of this Council.]

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.

[Ceasefires have been proposed by many on both sides. However, the Council has shown no sincerity at all, and a ceasefire can only be agreed to if both sides agree on the conditions of a ceasefire. The Council has not presented any acceptable option.]

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



[No, the Council does not respect those in discernment. The Council spreads untruths, keep information from members (Has the Council ever talked about the July 12 letter of Bp Reyes addressed to ALL members?), and intimidates those they think do not agree with them.]

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.



[This is all talk that has no basis at all in action.]

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



[There you go. Read that as: do not let anyone who wants to present the issues against the Council and who are seeking for truth to talk to your members. Keep them in the dark. Let them know only the untruths and slander spread by the Council.]

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.

[Christian love is the one thing not shown by the Council all this time.]

Be fair but firm.

[Fairness is allowing members to know the truth by hearing both sides.]



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

