

## **SPIRITUAL ADVISER FOR CFC-FFL**

CFC-FFL is a lay ecclesial movement officially recognized by the Catholic Church hierarchy. One of its Core Values is “Being a Servant to the Church.” CFC-FFL desires to be at the heart of the Church and to work for the advancement of her life and mission.

CFC-FFL has spiritual advisers on the international, national and local levels (diocese, vicariate or parish). They usually are priests but in rare cases can be nuns. They usually are appointed by competent ecclesiastical authority, but in some cases are there per simple agreement between the cleric and CFC-FFL. Their terms are usually open-ended, unless a fixed term is mutually agreed upon. The extent of their actual involvement in CFC-FFL depends on its needs, their availability, and whatever is mutually agreed upon.

The role of the Spiritual Adviser, in general, is to help the community in the pursuance of its vision and mission. In particular, the Spiritual Adviser:

- (1) Provides teachings as needed or requested, especially on the sacraments, catechism and Church documents.
- (2) Helps enhance the sacramental life of community members, especially in appreciation of the Eucharist and Reconciliation.
- (3) Helps provide pastoral cover and support to community leaders.
- (4) Does visitations of households, assemblies and events, and gives inputs for improvement if any.
- (5) Mediates in disputes that are elevated to him.
- (6) Endorses CFC-FFL to other clerics.
- (7) Keeps a pastoral eye out for CFC-FFL, provides inputs to leaders as needed, and intercedes for its life and mission.

CFC-FFL looks to the Spiritual Adviser to be knowledgeable about its vision, mission, culture and pattern of life.

The Spiritual Adviser is not directly engaged in community governance. However, his inputs are always welcome.

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