

## Nov 3, 2009 First CFC GK launch

On Tue, 3/11/09, Francis Sy <sanfrancissy@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Francis Sy <sanfrancissy@yahoo.com>

Subject: Fw: Fwd: Fw: Re: [gkmgdavao] Fw: Fwd: ANCOP USA National Team RE: ANCOP GKOM USA

To: sanfrancissy@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, 3 November, 2009, 11:13 PM

Dear brothers and sisters,

Please read attached emails na ewan ko kung bakit napadala sa akin, Nakakabahala ito. Ayoko sana ikalat but something tells me na kailangan. Nayanig na ang CFC dati, ngayon parang nauulit.

Please pass these emails so that everyone may know what is happening to our community. Pero sana may makasagot ng mga tanong ko:

1. Bakit ginagawa ni Tony Meloto ang parang palihim at pailalim na balak na ito laban sa CFC? Isn't it na sabi niya CFC siya?

Nagpalabas pa siya ng sulat na sabi niya he is CFC till death kasi dito siya namulat sa Panginoon? Bakit siya pa ngayon ang nangunguna na sisira sa CFC na sabi niya mahal niya?

2. Bakit sila parang gumagawa ng bagong community at sinasabi nilang "authentic" CFC ito? Hindi ko masyadong naiintindihan ang tungkol sa Vatican statutes pero ang alam ko ipinaglaban na natin ito nung 2007 at buo na sa isip natin na ang tunay na CFC ay ang CFC-IC. Ginawa na ni Frank ito nung 2007, ngayon ginagaya nila?

3. Hindi ba mga pinagkakatiwalaan ng IC ang mga taong ito? Pinagmamalaki pa nung Joey Mempin na marami siyang tungkulin at nagagamit niya ang mga tungkulin para ipatupad ang "vision" kuno ni TM. Sa kahit anong lenguaje, bantay-salakay ang tawag diyan. Traydor. Di ba si Ernie Maipid at Jun Dimarucot ay leaders pa? Head pa yata si Ernie ng PFO at dating IC? Tapos sila ang mamumuno sa "first chapter assembly" daw ng kanilang bagong CFC? Ano ba yan?

4. Bakit ganito umasal ang mga leaders na ito? Alam ba nila ang ginagawa nila at nagpapagamit sila? Nasaan ang Christian values na itinuturo pa naman nila?

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Paki-pass lang, mga brothers and sisters. Isiwalat sa buong mundo ang panibagong banta na ito laban sa CFC!!

A CONCERNED CFC MEMBER

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Alfred Keen <agkeen@gmail. com>

**To:** Zeny Keen <zeny@pacbell. net>

**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2009 9:13:15 AM

**Subject:** Fwd: ANCOP USA National Team RE: ANCOP GKOM USA

--- On **Tue, 10/27/09, Zeny Keen** <zeny@pacbell. net> wrote:

From: Zeny Keen <zeny@pacbell. net>

Subject: Fw: Fwd: ANCOP USA National Team RE: ANCOP GKOM USA

To: "rene rieta" <rrrieta@yahoo. com>

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009, 10:41 PM

just want to let you what's going on here in the bay area.

On Fri, Oct 30, 2009 at 12:05 AM, rene rieta <rrrieta@yahoo. com> wrote:

Rene R. Rieta

GK worker

0917-888-8483

" A million people doing a million different things will get us nowhere. But a million people doing one good thing will bring us to where we want to go -- a future free from slums, free from poverty and free from violence!" -- GK Isang Milyong Bayani (One Million Builders)

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**From:** joey mempin [joey.memps@gmail. com]

**Sent:** 10/30/2009 06:36 AM ZE8

**To:** gkmgdavao@yahoo. com

**Subject:** Re: [gkmgdavao] Fw: Fwd: ANCOP USA National Team RE: ANCOP GKOM USA

in the light of cfc leyte and this recent pronouncements of individuals, i recommend we pursue what we have agreed in our last gkom meeting. the first step was to talk to our spiritual director, fr. nards, who would do this?

thanks and God Bless

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On Fri, Oct 30, 2009 at 7:22 AM, <art.milan@davaolight.com> wrote:

Tito Joe,

I'm suppose to talk to Msgr. Nards. I just hold it after our dinner with TM when we agreed not to involve Msgr. Nards anymore and just talk first with our close friends leaders of CFC to explain our side of the conflict. I suggest we, the GK Board will meet again in the light of these developments (Southern Leyte, Anncop Gkom USA) and revisit our earlier decision.

Please advise.

Thanks,  
Art

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**From:** "Richard W.K. Villanueva" [rwk.villanueva@ gmail.com]

**Sent:** 10/30/2009 08:33 AM ZE8

**To:** gkmgdavao@yahoogrou ps.com

**Subject:** Re: [gkmgdavao] Fw: Fwd: ANCOP USA National Team RE: ANCOP GKOM USA

Hi. As i remember, when we had a meeting with TM (after you left, Tito Art), our ASAP agreements were:

1. **Organize** the backbone structure of the authentic CFC (CFC with GK) here in Davao all the way to the kapitbahayan who are CFC
2. **Come out with a statement** from the leadership of this authentic CFC group addressed to the the CFC of Davao stating among others that:
  - why we are the authentic CFC i.e. the Vatican recognizes CFC with GK as its work with poor
  - we have created a CFC GK cluster to represent this authentic CFC as the current local leadership has chosen a different path
3. **Step # 2 could/should not proceed** if # 1 is not completed.
4. **This should be ASAP**

**Persons responsible:**

Organizing the authentic CFC - Joey M., Rene R. and Vic R.  
Statement draft - Edwin M to be assisted by Monique

There. Hope this starts the ball rolling :)

On Fri, Oct 30, 2009 at 9:05 AM, <art.milan@davaoligh t.com> wrote:

Tito IKi,

I agree with this direction rather than our original plan where we ask Msgr. Nards to call a meeting with the Local Council and the general membership of CFC. My take is Msgr. Nards will not agree as he don't want to be a party to the further division of CFC Davao.

With the new direction, we can issue a statement asap in support to Southern Leyte's position. I guess this will also encourage others who remain silent up to this time to make a definite stand on the issue.

In the meantime, let's invite other CFC Leaders who are supportive of GK to join us in an informal gathering to explain our side on the issue. This will also be our way to start building our backbone structure for the real CFC.

Thanks,  
Art

--- On **Fri, 10/30/09**, **Richard W.K. Villanueva** <[rwk.villanueva@gmail.com](mailto:rwk.villanueva@gmail.com)> wrote:

From: Richard W.K. Villanueva <[rwk.villanueva@gmail.com](mailto:rwk.villanueva@gmail.com)>  
Subject: Re: [gkmgdavao] Fw: Fwd: ANCOP USA National Team RE: ANCOP GKOM USA  
To: [gkmgdavao@yahoogroups.com](mailto:gkmgdavao@yahoogroups.com)  
Date: Friday, October 30, 2009, 8:10 AM

Praise God. So, we will just wait when the three of you can do # 1 of our agreed next steps as discussed in our meeting with TM.

On Fri, Oct 30, 2009 at 11:42 AM, joey mempin <[joey.memps@gmail.com](mailto:joey.memps@gmail.com)> wrote:

the day after meeting with TM, talked to both over the phone but rene was sick again. rene feels we pursue what we have agreed during the mancom meeting.

on the fear that cfc might used influence over kapitbahayan, on the cites assigned to me as big brother, the presence of a cfc structure is not there. went to dmc with vic last sunday and of the more than 100 households there, hardly 2 inactive cfc household exists.

in others words, this fear is unfounded in my 3 gk cites and dmc of vic.. TM's direction and future expectations of CFC GK will happen but each province has peculiarities that we need to consider as we sojourn towards what TM has envisioned. Timing, firmness of our gk calling, humility and loving way remains to be the strength of our gk group here in davao. right now, im here in the cfc office with alex lo to start working on our finance and controls. earlier i mingled with the cfc staff and had a few laughs. told them i will be here more frequent in the gk office and might hold my core group in finance meetings and borrow the board room.

for example, in iloilo, we are just forming the gk mancom and one of the new council i recently appointed is gk finance and part of gk mancom. he has been functioning as gk finance and if you ask gk manila he is one of the best in managing the funds on the local level. i am still cfc head of the province of iloilo and also gk head of iloilo. we have not started anything on ancop and seriously doubting if anyone will make a move there since they know my stand. ic has not asked

me to step down despite of my ways in handling their recent memos.

the same thing with europe, gk work is now on it's toes again after the ffl challenge. despite pushing ancop, gk coordinators there has stayed with our gk team. we are firm with our gk stand despite of our various cfc services, im still country head of cfc austria were all european regional heads are based, with one of the them as gk head for europe and im also gk coordinator for europe.

these peculiar set-ups were not planned but it looks like, it represents that if you are cfc then you should be gk, the way things that are happening now. isn't that great we are now being affirmed and we didn't have to

i also have started to discuss what happened to some leaders who bothered and took couraged to asked and were enlightened.

WWJD, let's meet again asap because i agree that we should move as a team with one mind and one heart.

we will have our first cfc gk chapter assembly with jun dimarucot or ernie maipid sometime middle of november

## CFC GK Cagayan De Oro Celebrates Anniversary Nov 28, 2009

<http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/view/130504>

### Couples for Christ-Gawad Kalinga Misamis Oriental marks 22

*Mike Banos*

*November 28, 2009*



HUNDREDS of members of the Couples for Christ-Gawad Kalinga Misamis Oriental chapter gathered at the Corpus Christi gymnasium Sunday, November 22, 2009 to mark the community's 22nd anniversary with a day of games and thanksgiving.

The highlight of the day-long celebration was the inspirational talk given by GK Founder Tony Meloto, who only a week ago became the only non-government organization head invited to the APEC CEO Summit 2009 which brought over 800 top business leaders from all over the world to meet with leaders of the Pacific Rim's most powerful nations.

Meloto lauded the growth of CFC-GK Misamis Oriental-Cagayan de Oro since it started 22 years ago.

"I was with them when they started. They have grown, both husbands and wives, and raised their families with good children and the right values," Meloto said shortly after his inspirational talk. "It is God-fearing families like theirs which now make up the nearly one million strong GK army all over the world today."

Meloto said the CFC-GK Misamis Oriental-CDO which now has 26 village sites is significant to the GK 'Army' because it has helped make GK the most popular movement in the US as the channel for overseas Filipinos "despaired over their country's stubborn poverty and yearned to do something about it" by helping bring their fellow countrymen out of poverty through donations.

Meloto's talk about Gawad Kalinga in the CEO Summit presented GK as a global model of social development consistent with the UN Millennium Development Goals which seeks to cut poverty in half by 2015.

GK has transformed over 1,700 poverty ridden and crime-laden communities throughout the Philippines since it started in 2002. GK noted that in the Philippines, "40 percent of urban families occupy what the Asian Development Bank calls 'makeshift dwellings in informal settlements.'"

As the most successful Asian model for community development and poverty alleviation, GK has become the model for similar projects in East Timor, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Cambodia.

"I told the CEOs it paid to invest in GK since it would result in the expansion of their market base in the long run," Meloto said. "I said if you are doing business in Asia, your Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs should be aligned with the people of Asia to enable them to rise from poverty because a prosperous and peaceful nation would be a growing market for your products and services."

He cited how multinational companies like Shell, Unioil, HSBC, Colgate, Coke, Pfizer have successfully

worked with GK in RP leading to the establishment of over 2,000 GK communities all over the country to date.

Alfonso "Jun" del Fierro, Jr., CFC -GK Misamis Oriental-Cagayan de Oro area and provincial director said that since GK started in the area in 2002, it has established 26 Gawad Kalinga communities with over 500 units of housing, the latest of which is a 35-unit community at La Paz 1, Lapasan to be constructed with the assistance of the Priority Assistance Development Fund (PDAF) of Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez, of Cagayan de Oro 's 2nd Congressional District.

Rep. Rodriguez has committed P2.9 million from the 2nd District 's Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) for the undertaking which aims to set up 35 units of GK houses in the seafront sitio.

"Our plan calls for 35 units with a 40 square meter lot and 20 sq.m. house in this site," del Fierro said. "Besides helping disadvantaged sectors set up their own homes, CFC also aims to improve the tourism potential of our seafront and boulevard along this area," he added.

"We would soon be undertaking construction of an additional 300 units in Barangay Calaanan in coordination with Mayor Constantino Jaraula," del Fierro said. "The city will provide the land and concrete aggregates with GK doing the actual construction and more important, community mobilization, values formation, and Kapitbahayan seminar/training."

Beneficiaries of the newest GK community will be residents displaced by city hall 's Golden Mile project, which include some CFC members. The Golden Mile is Jaraula 's pet project aimed at attracting more investors and tourists to the city. Its first phase includes a 600-meter long "walkway" from City Hall to the 5th (Kagay-an) Bridge, and a one kilometer "Boulevard" from Toribio Chaves Street to J.R. Borja Street.

Under the original GK777 plan, GK envisioned building 700,000 homes in 7,000 communities in 7 years. This was later updated to GK2024, a 21-year vision which provides the roadmap towards a First World Philippines with 2024 set as the target year for the eradication of poverty in the country.

In his book, "Builder of Dreams", Meloto shares his vision of the GK community. "The best way for us to rise as a nation is to help ourselves, to dream our own dreams, to care for those among our people who have lost their capacity to dream. This is the GK way for us," he said.

"The GK way is a path where faith and patriotism, merge in one expression, where nation-building is considered Kingdom-building, where love of God is measured in terms of heroic sacrifices for country and the poorest neighbor."

Photo : Left to right - Jun del Fierro, Mrs Nenen Rodriguez (wife of Rep. Rufus), Rep. Rufus Rodriguez, Tony Meloto and Archie Velasco. (photo by Mike Banos

## Jun Dimarucot Letter jan 1, 2009

From: Jun Dimarucot <[acdjrffc@yahoo.com](mailto:acdjrffc@yahoo.com)>  
Subject: Fw: Let this news come directly from me.....  
Date: Friday, January 1, 2010, 7:05 PM

**Subject:** Let this news come directly from me.....

Dear Brother Leaders in the Metro Manila Sectors,

First allow me and Angie to greet you a Happy New Year! May God's blessings of peace and love be with you all through this new year!

I would like to tell you that on Dec 17, 2009, in a one-on-one meeting at the CFC Center with Bro. Joey Arguelles, CFC Luzon Head, I was informed that:

I am removed as CFC Bulacan PAH effective January 04, 2010 for my actions which the International Council considers "inimical to the interest of CFC".

Since most of you have been with me in the Metro Manila Mission for quite a number of years, I think most of you will be hard put to pinpoint exactly what, where, and when I ever displayed any gross misbehavior that would indeed constitute an inimical act.

The "charges" brought to me to substantiate my FIRING are as follows:

1. I do not bring down IC's messages to Bulacan.



2. I misled and forced the Bulacan Area Council to make a "Let Go" decision re: GK sites.
3. My being too visible and supportive of GK will not allow me to support ANCOP.
4. I am involved in emails with negative impact to CFC. [These are not related to my service in Bulacan so I will no longer detail them here].

In defending myself, I told Bro. Joey Arguelles of the facts/events related to the charges he was bringing to me. At the end of the meeting, he mentioned to me that because he did not know the facts completely, he personally thought that the IC position re: my being removed as PAH could be reversed, and he would support it personally. However, he required that I talk to Brothers Joe Tale and Joe Yamamoto about it.

Angie and I celebrated this Christmas season with much pain and sadness. Our family could hardly believe that we are undergoing this trial. And their confusion is understandable considering that:

1. I have a track record of membership in CFC for over 21 years [July 18, 1988] marked by years of leadership arising from the time we became Unit Head in Jakarta Indonesia in 1990 [along with Domy Gregorio and Boy Granados, where we were part of a 3-couple team that initiated the creation of CFC in Jakarta] to our return to the Philippines in June of 1992. From then on I rose from being household head, unit head, chapter head to being the Sector head of Metro Manila; I became a full time pastoral worker on February 01, 2001 - upon invitation by both Bros. Antonio Meloto and Frank Padilla for me to leave my secular work.
2. As full time pastoral worker, I was given other assignments, in addition to my responsibility as North B Sector Head [a position I held till Dec. 2007] Country Coordinator for New Zealand [June

2001 to July 2002], PAH for Palawan [March 2001 to Dec, 2007] and Country Coordinator for Indonesia [July 2002 to date]. In all of my years serving in these areas, I was never called to task or reprimanded for acts "inimical to the interest of CFC". Please note that I was assigned as Bulacan PAH only on January 2008.

3. Angie and I have been officially sent on mission to USA, Canada, Europe, Asia & Australia/NZealand under the time of Bro. Frank Padilla to be speakers in some CFC conferences.

4. On my hiring in the late months of 2000, I was given a mandate to initiate and operate the first GK site of North B in Payatas 13, and from which experience I learned much wisdom in relating with the poor. I am a CFC leader with deep involvement in GK to this day ..... now it seems that this assignment which has developed in me a full understanding that helping the poor is a mandate from the Lord, is now considered as a stumbling block to my being able to support the IC in their ANCOP program.

I am personally insulted by the charges.

In my one-on-one meeting with my Household Head, Bro. Joe Tale, I emotionally showed to him my resentment about this charge of "...being inimical to CFC". He said that as far as he knows, the IC did not use the word in their discussions of the removal of leaders. He apologized for it. I told Bro. Joe Tale that I heard it from Bro. Joey Arguelles, and if Bro. Joey denies it -- it becomes a matter of it being his word against mine. Bro. Joe Tale also further said that he will take it up with Bro. Joey.

He also apologized for not calling me to a one-on-one re: "...my inimical acts". He, however, does not think I acted inimically to CFC. He however, also told me that he realizes that I am at least one leader who struggles to stay in the middle of this GK-IC issue.

Re Ancop: I proposed / described to Bro. Joe Tale a plan of action to diffuse the current strained relations between GK and IC, by IC pursuing specific steps leading to the ACTUAL doing of activities covering the major programs of ANCOP -- but doing it in NEW sites, separate and distinct from ALL CURRENT GK sites. He asked to send the bullet points to him by email ASAP. (note: I have not done so as of this writing)

I sincerely believe that the charges against me are unfounded.

Thank you for your time. May God bless us all always!

Jun Dimarucot

PS. I was confidentially told some 2 or 3 months prior to December that I will be replaced in Bulacan. My replacement is a current Sector head of Metro Manila. I mentioned the name to Bro. Jose Tale on Dec. 30, 2009. I saw that he was surprised I told him so. On one occasion, an invited speaker from the Center told one of the Bulacan leaders that I am NOT considered/taken well as PAH by the International Council. Such rumors became true on Dec 17, 2009.

## Delfy Geraldez Open Letter to West C Jan 7, 2010

**From:** Delfin Geraldez <delfygeraldez@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thu, January 7, 2010 9:35:34 PM  
**Subject:** Thank You West C!

7 January 2010

Dear brothers and sisters,

Thank you for the opportunity to have served you in West C as Sector Head.

It was just slightly over 2 years ago in 2007 when we transitioned from the CFC-FFL conflict that left WC with wounded members and leaders who stood by CFC's vision & mission and the truthful accounting of events.

WC regained stability from the challenges of 2007 because:

1. Many MCG members went on mission trips to provinces in Luzon, in the Visayas and in foreign countries. We had no less than 40 mission trips, each mission team composed of 4 to 5 couples. Some Unit Heads and Household Heads even joined.
2. We pursued the pastoral formation tracks and even invited an outside resource, Ed Villacorte, of the Center for Spiritual Leadership to conduct 2 live-in leadership and capacity building sessions. We all agreed that our awareness, commitment, and appreciation of our roles as empowered leaders were heightened.
3. We fed no less than 12,000 persons in the various Feed My Sheep campaigns the Sector initiated through Jun Simon and launched by the SGT for people living under bridges, the rugby boys, the squatter areas and in fire relocation sites in Quezon City and Valenzuela City.
4. We now have 18 GK sites in operation with programs running, with people working as volunteers, with many foreign guests coming not only to visit but some even staying here.

5. We have dedicated people in the family ministries who volunteer their time and resources in encouraging attendance to life-giving activities.
6. We consciously conducted CLP's and created households for young couples.
7. We gave younger leaders the chance to pursue the evangelization and mission work.
8. We learned to open our homes to hosting local guests from Eastern Visayas, and foreign nationals from Asia, Africa & Europe.
9. We showcased and shared our talents in big events. In the Leaders Conference in January 2008, the WC Band, Kenosis, performed on stage and in the Leaders Conference in January 2009, our own Rodriguez family composed of 16 family members did the opening number, a song rendition of Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now.

All these kept the joy of service at boiling point and kept the group morale going. The past 26 years of learning, accepting, adjusting, obeying, embracing all the service assignments be it in the family ministry, the social ministry, the admin work, and the normal service progression from household head to unit head to cluster head and sector head kept the passion burning because I served whenever and wherever the Lord led me. It was only as PAH in Leyte and as WB sector head that I finally was able to take on GK work. Was it coincidence that in Eastern Visayas, in WB, and in WC, audit reports would note that in general all contributions were accounted for and project deliveries were okay? It was simply because of an encouraging and embracing attitude, of love for the work, of people like Ben Gamez, Tito Santos, Winston Mungcal and Loloy Aboyme to name a few, and the caretaker teams.

When our community started our work with the poor in Bagong Silang in Caloocan, I had my doubts as to where this would bring CFC. I read and reread FAP's books; listened to the talks; attended whatever activities; met and witnessed transformations. I can clearly recall what Tony Meloto said, "This work with the poor will separate the men from the boys"...and it came to pass.

As early as end January 2009, I talked with JT that I sensed and was concerned with another brewing conflagration. It would be good for the Metro Manila sector heads to

ask GK, namely TM, Luis, Issa, Mike anything they'd like to ask whether it be status of funds, delivery or non delivery of units, commitments and it would be good for JT and TM to talk. This led to the Layforce event in February. This same occasion where I invited JT to be present and he refused, then relented then rescheduled suddenly became an IC initiated activity. Sensing the tense situation that would arise as each party had a different objective, I sought out Fr. Ben Nebres to mediate. He agreed if 2 of the 3 parties would agree, the initiator (me), JT and TM.

I was very happy with the Solidarity statements of JT and TM in the MCG in April. Then the Moving Forward and Letting Go IC statement of April 30, the Q & A 1&2, the May 7 general guidelines re CFC and GK, then the June 2 directive re ANCOP and so on. Little by little as the memos came out, as the words and the actions became inconsistent and confusing, the unity I dreamed of became elusive. Then there was the summit, the letting go and the take on.

Three months ago, I received a post mailed Thank You letter for services rendered in Eastern Visayas from Joe Yamamoto, Executive Director and Philippine Mission Head, and my pastoral household head. I did not ask why, knowing this is the prerogative of the appointing authority of the IC. In one among several one on ones that transpired with JT over a period close to a year, he said I make JY "uncomfortable".

Then I was requested last Sunday by Joe Tale, CFC Chairman and Metro Manila Mission Head, to step down as Sector Head for WC because my heart is in GK and they have to appoint someone who is "aligned" with the directions of the IC. According to him, I have been identified as pro-GK, the very same label given me by the leaders who formed FFL. I hope what he meant was pro-GK, the movement and not pro-Tony Meloto. This labeling / branding is a great disservice to the many GK workers & volunteers who spend their weekends, their weekdays, in the sites when I only open my mouth to encourage, to empower, to recommend how a situation can work, to give a literal pat on the back, a visit, put partners together with PD's .... This is my modest contribution .

Titles do not define who I am. I have no aspirations to any office in CFC. I want to make the most of my life content with quiet service, serving Him in new ways. I am pondering about what has become of my leaders, Joe Tale and Joe Yamamoto, who in

October met with the WC SGT , asking how the sector is, maybe surprised that there is no confusion at all in the sector . But then, they had to determine who was best fit to replace me; then this December “secretly” met with some Cluster Heads and inviting only some of the SGT. These acts have planted the seeds of suspicion and mistrust. It left some WC leaders baffled. But then, the new SGT team was already being formed. I know that the Spirit is not one of division nor of confusion. The best way was simply to say by next year, we need to have a younger leader “aligned” with IC. Perhaps to my mind I was being replaced due to an imagined future offense...what if I would start a CFC-GK...fears imagined, fears coming true in certain provinces; or a judgment call that ANCOP will not fly because a pro-GK person sits as Sector Head. Won't ANCOP benefit the poor and so it must be good and let it fly; or the many observations I have taken up with JT made me seem belligerent.

In the many communications, it is clear that GK work is voluntary. First there was letting go, then taking on. There were instructions “Do not fly the GK flag in the CFC Anniversary; Do not mobilize for the GK Expo, Do not go to the GK Boston Summit, Do not entertain TM and Luis.” I asked JT what spirit , from where is this coming from because a seeming pattern was emerging that left me perplexed and troubled. In conscience, I cannot douse the fire of spontaneous excitement coming from people on the ground. I cannot compromise the principles ingrained in me by this same community. But of course JT said, he will investigate and he said there exists so much hurt on both sides.

I look around me and ask myself in silence... is this community that purports to be a loving community the CFC I grew in? I look at Ernie Maipid emotionally struggling at the center because his former brothers in the IC have not even assigned him to a MC household. I hear the words dysfunctional, discordant, inimical, not aligned ...(popular labels of 2009) ... It pains me that CFC is losing members first in Cagayan de Oro, in Davao, and in Bacolod. In many provinces, despite pressure from their provincial councils and the IC, CFC members serving in GK refuse to either drop their service or their acceptance of the GK leadership in GK work. Isn't it voluntary ? I hope this will be the end of it. Why is this happening ? I have held the fort for a year and kept my peace.

When there is no longer joy in service, it really is time to leave the service because one can no longer inspire. For how can you inspire when, in my case, the very leaders

you look to for exemplary spiritual leadership confuse you, label you, cast aspersions on your motives and efforts to raise the bar in this sector, and in my perception require personal loyalty and passive acquiescence .

I did not question JT when he told me I was being replaced. Since October, I sensed that the Lord no longer needs me as Sector Head because of a heaviness in my heart. My task is finished. The sector is strong and WC can withstand the crisis . CFC has to morph in accordance with His design and His timing. And so I will continue to be a member in WC and see where God leads me. I know where it is now, an ordinary member of CFC where I will not be beholden to anyone except the God of my service. At the same time, I will strive to be a dedicated worker in the Lord's vineyard for the poor, to share God's love and joy with them.

I am a CFC member ready to follow what is expected of an ordinary member of the community. While they continue to be my brothers in community, I am relieved to be disassociated directly with the IC and look with hope and optimism on my new Sector Head. I am happy to know that a good man with a good heart from our SGT will be taking over. Let us all welcome him and pray the Lord to guide him wisely and lovingly.

God bless,

Delfy



## Jose Mari Oquiñena Letter Jan 12, 2010

Jose Mari Oquiñena <[jmoquinena@gmail.com](mailto:jmoquinena@gmail.com)>

Date: Tue, Jan 12, 2010 at 9:15 AM

### WHERE SHOULD BE OUR LOYALTY?

I am a CFC member. I think, live and have set my future with this community as I grew up as a CFC missionary. CFC has thought me how to anchor my life to God – my passion to serve has always been about a journey of how the Lord has brought me into new horizons - with CFC as my community. And so I've always believe that our life as a community member should be anchored firmly in God alone. I am writing this because of some incidents that may have led to the confusion of some and the perplexity to sensitive issues that only a few has the privilege and the burden to be aware of. Today I write this letter, taking on the posture of a brother's keeper.

Since I have been talking about anchoring our faith to God, I would like to present some facts and information that have constantly tested and assessed where our community members' faith is anchored upon -- to man (men) or to God?

Amidst the confusion, the noise and commotion caused by text messages, blog entries, FB status messages, and memos, it is important to focus on God, because if we let God to be the center of everything, then He has His ways of surfacing the truth, the righteous, the apposite. Our loyalty is to God that may reflect our loyalty to CFC, but our loyalty to CFC may not necessarily reflect our loyalty to God.

### Split came from the IC, not GK

In reference to the latest IC memo, I agree with the CFC IC that there is no such thing as the CFC-GK. But my take on this issue is this: I thing there are three types of CFC – there's an existing CFC-FFL who chose to focus on family and life formation, the CFC who pursues the CFC Vatican recognized statute and there's the CFC IC these are the CFCs who are loyal to the IC only. Loyalists – those who choose to obey what the IC dictates notwithstanding the consequences of these orders. For those who don't know, IC stands for the International Council a group of seven (7) people elected by the people they appointed.

In an IC memo, dated November 19, 2007, the CFC IC, in defense of CFC with GK, noted:

We would like to reiterate the truth that there is only ONE CFC COMMUNITY, the CFC that is recognized by both the Vatican and the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP). Again, we quote from the announcement issued by the national spiritual adviser of CC in the Philippines, Bishop Gabby Reyes, on behalf of the Episcopal Commission on the Lay Faithful:

*“In the light of this, the original CFC, with Gawad Kalinga as one of its ministries, retains its recognition as an international private association of the faithful, which was given by the Pontifical Council for the Laity in 2005.”*

*“The original CFC with Gawad Kalinga under Bro. Joe Tale continues as a national and international private association of the faithful...”*

Gawad Kalinga was incepted, nurtured and raised by the Spirit that is inherent in CFC; there is no question about that. This is further supported by the CFC statute which includes and Gawad Kalinga as one of its pillars. Considering GK as a fundamental element in the life of a CFC member, we therefore adhere to the CFC statute recognized by the Vatican whenever we give our time, talent and treasures for Gawad Kalinga. As the good Bishop Gabby of FFL has noted: GK is an important witnessing of CFC for Christ’ (see attached file), and so to hinder CFC members to serve in GK might be an excuse not to follow the Vatican recognize statute. In the recent developments with the IC, there were reports of CFC members and leaders asked to make a choice between CFC and GK by no less than the IC and its cohorts, some of them I will be mentioning in the next few paragraphs. Proved as a supporter of GK, the IC will automatically axe you out of your service even without the proper process i.e CFC Misamis Oriental Area Council and leaders.

Again the question, where does your loyalty take you... to man or to God?

Why am I talking about loyalty? Because as the Bible says “a blind man cannot lead the blind” so as a confused leadership may coerce a confused community. And what confusion am I talking about? Well, just look at the excerpt above and reflect on the current situation: leaders and councils being deposed for unknown reason, “letting go”, IC’s GK Passage, CFC-GK, “CFC-managed GK sites”, an Ancop website that looks like a GK website (as in!), so on and so forth. Most if not all are related to the International Council. If you are given a piece of paper that says ‘memo’ or Council Statement almost every week, then you should know what I’m talking about. Leadership without a vision as how I usually hear it!

### **Some Facts & events that leads to these confusions**

1. CFC Council Statement dated November 19, 2007 (excerpt above) – a memo that elaborates and emphasizes on the following:

- a. “The original CFC” has Gawad Kalinga
- b. The CFC stature recognized by the Vatican has Gawad Kalinga as one of its pillars
- c. There is only ONE CFC Community

2. GK Passage (find attached) – A document coming from the IC that has a detailed plan on how to remove GK to the CFC structure. Who wrote this, you might ask? The best person to contact is Bro. Melo Villaroman. This paper was presented by the IC last Jan 2009 in Ateneo.
3. “Letting Go” Memo – dated April 30, 2009. The most controversial memo that led to the confusion of many. GK leaders likewise experienced the same confusion as we have always expressed the solidarity of CFC and GK towards the same mission, up until there was Ancop and the coin of ‘CFC Managed GK sites’ which was never consulted to any of the GK workers? Where is solidarity? Isn’t that back stabbing?

Also, please clear my confusion: two weeks before the GK Expo, the IC released a Memo that tells CFC members not to mobilize for the Expo. The day after the Expo, they released a memo claiming back GK. Ano ba talaga kuya?

So clearly GK did not go out but was kicked out. Question, if IC let go of GK so who is the real CFC?

#### 4. Q&A letting go

“We would like to enjoin all CFC members presently serving in GK to continue the work as volunteers” says the IC. But how come most of the CFC leaders serving in GK were removed from their service? “We hope to see a closer collaboration with GK in the work with the poor that is now free from unnecessary constraints and conflicts” adds the IC..

5. Bishop Gabby - Bishop Gabby Reyes, Chairman of the Episcopal Commission of the Lay Faithful, reacts on the Letting Go memo (find attached). Some recognize this letter as the spark plug that triggered the idea of claiming back GK management from GKCDFI. Although Bp. Gabby thought GK went out (which he was mislead to believe) He clearly states that CFC cannot be without GK. Thus the IC wanted to take it back NOT BECAUSE THEY LOVE THE POOR WHOM THEY LET GO ALREADY BUT TO USE THE POOR AS COMPLIANCE. Let us love the poor not use them.

6. October 11 memo – IC wants to take GK back because they are afraid of the consequence of there actions. With regards to the idea of CFC managed sites, can you claim a work that it is CFC simply because the one doing it is a member? So if the president of an org or club is CFC then it should be called CFC Rotary?

7. And now here comes Ancop. Now, who’s advocating a split? First of all it was Tito Tony Meloto who put up Ancop with some friends and partners. Second does this mean that CFC-IC work for the poor is Ancop then are they not the 3<sup>rd</sup> CFC group if we based it with Vatican statutes?

## **Preparing the ground works**

1. **The IC started to confuse people.** As stated by all these information mentioned above, all these are spearheaded, taught and planned by the IC. For what reason, that I do not know. But certainly, we cannot discount the fact that since our community thrives in a culture of obedience, then we can say that that 'culture' is being abused and being put in a wrong context.
2. **Ensuring a seat in the election** by removing people who are voters for many years, who are part of the Elders Assembly just because they are part of Gawad Kalinga. I'm just curious about the timing of their removal. I'm sure my dear titos can attest to that! Also, creating a new region/ position that were not there before. Again, the timing and the relevance to the IC election.
3. **Removing provincial councils** behind their back without them knowing that there was even a plan. As far as I know, the culture where I grew was that you have to talk to the person, say ask for a one-on-one, should there be any concern regarding that person. Why is this culture being violated?
4. **Not following the tradition.** Did anyone bother to ask why the one who got highest vote didn't become the CFC Director? As per tradition, its supposed to be Bro. Melo who's the CFC Director. Why did the IC changed to a CFC Board? Did anyone asked how they came up with an Executive Director position? Was the Elders Assembly consulted?
5. Preparing the ground works: **making members choose between CFC and GK** and questioning their loyalty. Many instances and this are not some baseless accusations, a lot have been asked to choose between CFC and GK. So, who is violating the CFC statute?

## **Conclusion: Point of reflection that you can discuss in your household meetings**

I am aware that there will be many interpretations to this letter. Many would even try to discredit and accuse me of many things, as I have always been called bastos, disobedient, etc, etc. But through it all, I am always secured knowing that in everything I do, in everything I've squealed of, nobody has ever accused me of lying. Because then, I can take full responsibility of all my actions.

There is a saying that goes, "For evil to triumph is when good men are bakla... oh, sorry... when good men do nothing." I love this community and I take pride in everything that it has accomplished. I am grateful for the privilege to have served and to have journeyed with brothers and sisters in CFC. I want to honor the heroism of all the people who sacrificed a lot to bring up this community so it pains me to see that there are people in position, who don't care what happens to the community, who are insensitive to the hurts, feelings and reactions, of our community members just so they can get what they want. Their loyalty is not to God but to the IC –and the IC to themselves.

Where am I coming from is that many of our brothers and sisters who have been serving and who are giving their best for the community has been removed from their position and were even identified as anti CFC because they are loyal to the CFC statute which is the CFC with GK.

Recently, a lot of CFC Provincial Councils has been removed by the IC or their cohorts without the proper process. Let me sight some examples:

- a. Negros Occidental. Joe Yamamoto, Mon Penalosa and Mannix Occampo invited a few people to a wine and dine night last December 18 and installed a new set of Council without informing or talking to the existing Provincial Council. Is this the new culture? Whatever happens to one-to-ones, to formal conflict resolutions, to discernment processes, to transparency, to some leaders' manhood?
- b. Cagayan De Oro and Mindanao. GK had training for its Unity software, a new upgrading and transparency software, attended by brothers and sisters from allover Mindanao. On the same day, some leaders of CFC in Mindanao, starting from Tony Meloto were removed from position. Harvey Manguinot of Bukidnon, was removed from being the Provincial Area Director a week after and so as the other CFC leaders who attended the same training, including Butch Ozaraga of Butuan. And lastly, behind the back of the existing CFC Provincial Council of CDO, Regional Head Dodong Banaynal conducted meetings to some CFC leaders to convey that they (the IC and him) are changing the existing council. Again, is this the new culture? These are just two examples - otherwise you'll still be reading all accounts until December 2010 if I write it all here!

A lot of people are not aware of these situations. Many do not fully understand the letters and memos of the IC – leaders and members have varying interpretations for every letter. My goal here is, I believe part of my responsibility as a CFC member, that my brothers and sisters would be informed properly. Never in the history of CFC that we are kicking people out of CFC, not even those who committed extra marital affair and then repented -these brothers are still welcomed, but I am mad on the idea that if you serve in GK, you take the risk of being kicked out of the community. They didn't even give justice and honor the sacrifices of some CFC leaders who were instrumental in the formative years of CFC in different areas. It's as if when you do GK, then you're not credible enough to lead in CFC. Once a CFC is always a CFC – or unless our IC thinks that accountability starts and ends with them and not with God.

*“Therefore, we will not separate CFC from Gawad Kalinga.”*

-The CFC IC

August 10, 2007

This is all our community not just by the few. I don't believe in keeping “hayaan mo na para walang gulo” attitude otherwise if Jesus did not say anything then the Pharisees will never have conspired to crucify him by accusing him of thing He did not do, or betraying Him (sounds familiar).

Is this the prize of loving the poor, being kick out of community then I will accept it.

If loving the poor means being maligned then bring it on.

If loving the poor means being betrayed then let share in the pain of Christ.

If loving the poor means being accused of veering away then I will leave it to God to look into my heart.

If loving the poor means risk losing my friendship with others then let me hold on to one friendship that matters...that's with Jesus.

ITULOY ANGPAGMAMAHAL SA DIYOS, ANG PAGKALINGA SA BAYAN AT ANG SAMAHANG WALANG IWANAN!

JOSE MARI OQUINENA

Missionary. Nation builder.

*"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor" Luke 4:18*

## Ernie Maipid Letter Dated Jan 14, 2010

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*14 January 2010*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*I write you with much concern for our community. Serving with you in the last 22 years, we all love Couples for Christ where we all grew in loving God, our families and one another, including the poor. Our CFC experience has started to concretize fullness of life in Christ. But recent events have caused the blur of this vision.*

*“Fullness of life” is coming to a thankful realization of our Father’s all-embracing love which He gives at His cost, and our nothingness before Him. We as creatures, wishing to express our deep gratitude, follow His command of loving our neighbor. By this, He says, others will come to know Him. He particularly entrusts to our care the weak, the vulnerable, and the oppressed. This is how I have come to understand “fullness of life” in CFC.*

*Yet today, this is not so. We see strained relationships among brothers and sisters. We notice unrest in our service lines. There is uneasiness, tension, and apparent non-concern. And now, the spade of cutting-off of leaders who are deemed “dysfunctional, discordant, inimical, and un-aligned”, the seeming wanton disregard for our time-honored culture of spiritual discernment and fraternal consultation. In light of these, I ask – Is community headed for fullness of life?*

*When I started working with young people in CFC, first as head of Youth for Christ, and later on as Director of the Family Ministries, I came into a deeper appreciation of my Christian marriage and role as a father to my own children. The vision of building the Church of the Home became real in my own family and in our bigger community in CFC. When we embarked on the next phase of our journey through Gawad Kalinga, I finally saw the fullness of our Christian life with the vision of the Church of the Poor, as the pillar for the renewal of society and the building of a people who truly honor God. I saw in the work, not only the future eradication of poverty in our country, but also a bigger door to our work of evangelization as CFC gained the respect of many from all sectors in the country.*

*As an International Council member, I saw the need for a broader perspective as the work of CFC was deepening. Sitting in the GK board, I saw too how the young, led by*

*Luis and Issa, convicted and passionate, impressed us, their CFC elders, with GK's worth. But, they often met with frustration, as meetings were postponed or cancelled due to other CFC priorities. This was particularly challenging as the work was growing, needing urgent responses. Despite realizing our limitations to extend our presence to the magnitude of GK areas, there was unwillingness to entrust the work to them, hindering the full response of young people who were giving their all to the noble task.*

*Tensions filled our meetings, but I kept my peace and hoped to work through the differences without disrupting community relationships and the unity of the CFC body. To my mind, differences spell opportunities for exploration and growth requiring a listening heart, evoking maturity and trust. But I was slowly being marginalized as I expressed my views about this important work of God, which I felt should not be sacrificed in the interest of ownership and control. I saw a reluctant spirit to listen and understand the issues, always insisting on authority and demanding obedience to it. As a result, mistrust and animosity grew on both sides. I felt like the man caught in the middle, desperately trying to work things through, but to no avail. By taking on the role of peacemaker, I was already labeled as being on the opposing side.*

*Finally, I was voted out of the IC in the June election. I took the defeat peacefully as I am committed to serve the community beyond position. It just hurt us when a brother-fulltime worker voluntarily confessed to the deliberate campaign to ease me out. The revelation was that IC brothers gave the directive saying I was "dysfunctional, discordant". It saddened our whole family that top leaders were involved in the betrayal. When approached, one said to forget it so as not to destroy the peace, one claimed ignorance. The most hurting word was that "it was a personal opinion" and a shrug. What happened to our brotherhood?*

*It is difficult for me to go against brothers in the IC, whom I hold with high regard and respect, but today, I have to speak out because a greater wound is being inflicted on the community that we love, and a grave injustice is being committed against many of the most dedicated and respected leaders of CFC for believing that GK is God's work and a valuable ministry of CFC. They were dropped from their positions in CFC without due process and respect for their many years of dedicated service to the community.*

*We know that we all have failed one another. The fire of anger and vindictiveness that we see today grew from a spark of mistrust and judgment that has started to erode genuinely caring relationships. Our dignity and integrity are put on the line. And what examples are we giving the young, the next generation of believers? Are we teaching them to compromise their sense of justice and truth? What principles are we asking them to live by? What lies will we continue to tell them to justify our actions? Alas, is loving being replaced by vengeance? Service by control? Humility by power? Is God being replaced by self?*



*I am speaking out for us to return to what is truly CFC – to seek the truth, to rebuild relationships that we have broken, and to restore the culture that we are destroying, to love without counting the cost.*

*I am taking a big plunge into the unknown by writing this letter. The first time I defended a brother in my household who was being maligned, I was accused of campaigning and playing politics by no less than an IC brother. But then and now, I do so with all the sincerity of intention, faith in a just God, and trust in the integrity of brothers and sisters in CFC, because I am speaking out in behalf of members, especially the leaders who are afraid to right a wrong for fear of rocking the boat and losing their service.*

*My beliefs, if they differ with the IC, do not make me less CFC. I hope that the people whom I have loved and served in the community all these years do not consider me less of a brother and a friend.*

*I call on my brothers in the IC to account for their acts and to heed the costs, no matter what. It is our accountability to the people we are called to serve, and most of all to God. It is the most loving act we can choose to do.*

*Only then in all truth, will fullness of life in Christ truly blossom in our community!*

*I remain your brother in Christ,*

*Ernie E. Maipid, Jr.*