



COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth

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CFC-Thailand Statement

We believe that the Couples for Christ is a true grace of the Holy Spirit for family renewal in the universal Church and hereby affirm to support its original vision of *"Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth."*

We believe that the Couples for Christ as a move of the Holy Spirit should be a united community and division does not reflect the true charism of CFC, as we have declared in our Council Statements of 8th August and 12th October in 2007.

Therefore, the Thai National Council, having prayed, discerned, and discussed extensively the issues involved over the past two years has decided to re-align CFC--Thailand with the global family of Couples for Christ under the CFC International Council, as recognized by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, the Catholic Bishops Conference of Thailand since 1994, and the Archdiocese of Bangkok since 1999, and the Pontifical Commission on the Lay Apostolate since 2005.

This is in obedience to expressed wishes and directives of the Thai bishops that there should be only one CFC in Thailand (ref: letter of Bishop Silvio Siripong Charatsri, chairman of the CBCT Commission on the Lay Apostolate, to CFC dated 27th October 2009).

Therefore, we hereby affirm that CFC--Thailand will work with and under the Thai bishops in support of the CBCT family pastoral ministry, and with other Catholic lay organizations in each diocese, to continue to promote the spiritual renewal and pastoral formation of Christian families for a better society.

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