

**CFC Accompanies Married Couples  
Circular 2016-23**

**To: All Parish Priests**

Over the years we have witnessed the Couples for Christ (CFC), just like many other movements and even covenant communities before, after some years separating and disintegrating into FFL with Frank Padilla

into Global with Joe Tale

into Gawad Kalinga (GK) with Tony Melato

now again in 2016 into CFL (Catholic for Family and Life) by Luisito V. Liban.

Now you will remember in our Diocese we have agreed to take the stand that these are all CFC each with just a different focus. Up to now the Diocese of Novaliches stands by this same principle.

CFC caters to foster the faith and life of married couples within a certain cultural milieu that Frank Padilla defines in his writings

CFC is beyond borders and should go global according to Joe Tale

CFC has social dimensions for how poor and lowly family use are married couples without homes would Tony Melato

CFC accompanies married couples' Family Life according to the teachings of the Magisterium.

This may be a simplistic way of presenting CFC but its focus is clear depending on what point of view one has on marriage.

So as we accompany married couples we do so from its beginning from preparation for marriage as engaged couples to the happy, even if difficult, married life together until they grow up in old age and sickness and rest in bliss and beatific vision with the Lord.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 4 November 2016.

**Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD**  
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