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FOR : The CFC Family

FROM: The CFC International Council

RE : **New Guidelines in Response to the Covid-19 Crisis**

Greetings of peace and light!

The news over the past 24 hours has been grim and cause for concern. Last night, before we went to sleep, the government announced 10 new confirmed cases of Covid-19 infection. This number was a doubling from the 10 cases originally reported. Early in the morning, that number went up to 24, and just now, after the Department of Health press conference, it was announced that 9 new cases have been confirmed, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 33.

The International Council, in fulfillment of its mandate as pastoral leaders of this community, and in our desire to protect our brethren, are therefore constrained to issue the following policy guidelines which will be in place as long as the Covid-19 remains a threat to our health:

1. All travel of GMC employees, fulltime workers, all-the-timers, and leaders in the international mission (Country Coordinators, Regional Coordinators, Mission Heads), including trips that have already been ticketed, are now put on hold, pending IC decision to resume such travel.
2. All large gatherings in the Philippines and abroad, such as chapter assemblies, cluster assemblies, teachings, evangelization rallies, Family Day activities, regional and provincial echo conferences, are strongly discouraged. Large gatherings may be defined as those assemblies that would be difficult to impose at least one meter distance between participants, as prescribed by the World Health Organization (WHO). Ongoing Christian Life Programs, in case the service team would not be able to maintain this distance, would fall under this category.
3. Household prayer meetings may continue to be held, subject to the discretion of the entire household. As in an earlier issued memo, those who are suffering from cough or cold or

who feel under the weather are urged to protect their brethren by not attending prayer meetings or assemblies. They may still participate via Facetime or other online means.

We reiterate the guidelines we earlier issued regarding what the DOH calls “universal precautionary measures” relating to frequent washing of hands, refraining from “beso-beso” or handshakes, and installing alcohol and sanitizers at entrances of homes and other meeting places.

We understand that as Catholics, we need only rely on the Lord for our protection, but it is also true that we should not put our faith to the test. Prudence must dictate our every action.

Let us all continue to pray for our community, for our nation and for the whole world that is now reeling from the impact of this health crisis. May our Lord touch all those who are already infected and may He bring them all back to good health. We invoke Mama Mary’s protection upon us, her children.

This directive is effective immediately. Thank you and may God bless us all.

For the CFC International Council:



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