

CFC-FFL
Our Mission for Family and Life

Our vision and mission statement reads:

We are an evangelistic and missionary community committed to become families empowered by the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. We strive for holiness of life, as we commit to renew the temporal order through our work with the poor, our work for justice, and our work for life. We are a servant of the Church, working to renew her children through every generation and throughout the world, until the Lord returns once again.

In turn, our by-line is “Renewing the Family and Defending Life.”

We affirm our call to **evangelization** as our primary thrust, in accordance with Jesus’ commission in Mark 16:15 and Matthew 28:19. What is evangelization? It is proclaiming the good news of salvation in Jesus. This work is to be done throughout the whole world. This in turn is the missionary dimension of our call.

Evangelization is through and by the family. The family is both the object and the subject of evangelization. The condition of families will determine the condition of societies and of the whole world. Strong families are also the base on which our work will proceed. As John Paul II says: “The future of humanity passes by way of the family.” Thus we affirm the priority of our evangelistic work, which is marriage and family life. Evangelization and family come together in our **Family Ministries**. Our Family Ministries provide us a womb-to-tomb family renewal process, and the way for our work to be passed on through the generations, until the Lord returns once again.

In line with this, we must necessarily be concerned about the ever-growing pervasive culture of death, which seeks to totally destroy marriage and the family. Thus our thrust is also for life. We are strongly and proactively pro-life. We will promote the culture of life. This is done through our **Pro-Life Ministry**.

Now the culture of life can only thrive in a societal environment that is more and more reflective of the kingdom of God in our midst. As such, we will also strive to do our share in renewing the temporal order, aside from our spiritual work. This is concretized in our **Social Ministries**, our work of building the Church of the Poor. Here we will not necessarily get involved in all social concerns, but will choose our battles, where the Lord leads us. Currently, these are in three areas: our work of building integrated communities among the poor, our prison ministry, and our work with migrants. Other aspects of the social dimension—such as health, education, livelihood, the environment—will be support programs.

Thus, we are an evangelistic and missionary community. Everything we do is about evangelization, as it is about Jesus Christ the Savior, and about this good news that we proclaim to the world. Our evangelization in turn is composed of three major thrusts—the Family Ministries, the Social Ministries, and the Pro-Life Ministry.

In all these, the Lord can only work to the full extent of the power of the Holy Spirit if we are holy instruments. And so we look to the call to holiness and strive to walk the way of Jesus, which is the way of the cross.

Finally, we are an integral part of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. We exist to serve the Church.

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