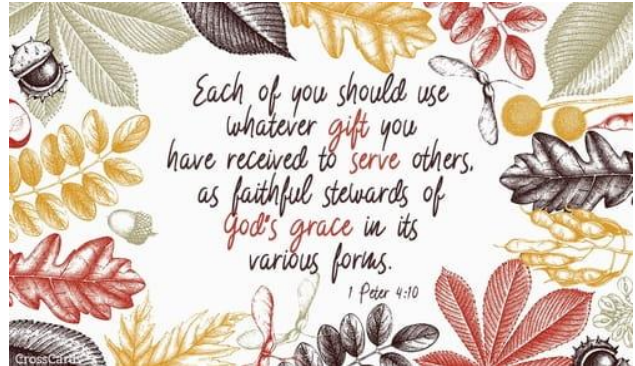


The Joy of Renewal Through Stewardship

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The joy of renewal through Stewardship clearly manifested way back during the CFM Board of Directors meeting on August 17, 2019. The joy to take up again the Spirituality of Stewardship to cause change in the organization was so overwhelming that the CFM Board immediately approved the creation of an ad hoc Stewardship Committee to formulate a stewardship program for the CFM. To add further to the fervor, the CFM Board in the same meeting approved a seminar/workshop on the Spirituality of Stewardship to be attended by the national officers.



The seminar/workshop happened on September 21, 2019 at the Christ The King Parish Greenmeadows in Quezon City. This was attended by additional CFMers from the Dioceses of Cubao, Pampanga, and Pasig. The topic was “The Relevance of the Spirituality of Stewardship to the CFM Mission.” The theme was “The Joy of Renewal through Stewardship.” The talk was delivered by Mr. Joey Clemente, the Executive Director of the Socio Pastoral Institute and the workshop was conducted by Joey and Grace Marquez of the CFM Formation Committee. Alex Lacson seconded the need to use Spirituality of Stewardship to cause change in the CFM.

The outcome of the workshop was an overwhelming approval to adopt the Spirituality of Stewardship as a means to accomplish the CFM mission of family evangelization. The attendees were almost unanimous in pledging their time, talent, and treasure to CFM.

During the 35th CFM Biennial Convention held on October 25, 26, and 27, 2019, in Subic Zambales, the same topic of “The Relevance of the Spirituality of Stewardship to the CFM Mission” was presented by the same speaker. The workshop echoed the same result as the September 21 seminar/workshop.

The result of the two workshops demonstrates that with proper catechesis many members of the CFM will adopt the Spirituality of Stewardship as a way of life. How to do this is a challenge to the Stewardship Committee and to the rest of the members.

The Stewardship Committee held a post-convention meeting on November 16, 2019 at the Nazareth Home. The following were taken up:

1. Identify a common vision/mission for the Stewardship program.

Proposed vision/mission to be approved in the next meeting pending other suggestions:

Vision: A community of Christian families witnessing to Christ's call to Stewardship as a Way of Life.

Mission: Enable the CFM members to use their time, talent and treasure through the various programs and advocacies of the CFM.

2. The sub-committee on Formation, to formulate a module to be used as a model for speakers. Also to tap other speakers who will help cascade this module.
3. Proposals on how to use love offerings:
 - a) Administrative
 - b) Formation Programs
 - c) A percentage for the poor (10%)
4. Formalize a CFM Stewardship Pledge form for time, talent, and treasure.

The good news is that, the national officers and other CFMers will start their monthly or yearly love offerings for treasure after the new year, as soon as the Stewardship bank account is opened. This is in addition to what they are already giving to CFM in terms of time, talent and treasure. This act of witnessing of the national officers is worth emulating; this reminds us of the apostolic exhortation of Pope Paul VI in Evangelii Nuntiandi on Dec. 8, 1975:

