

Inaugural Address

by Boy & Agnes Yambao

Good morning brothers and sisters!

It was around this same time, two years ago at the 34th Biennial Convention held in Iloilo that Boy and I were elected as the incoming President-Couple of CFM Philippines for the year 2020-2021. In all honesty, we were left in awe — a feeling of fear set in. We started questioning our capabilities for such a great responsibility to lead CFM Philippines. As we looked back in life through our experiences as a couple, in our socio-civic and lay apostolate church involvement, we wondered, "What is God up to this time?"



It took some months for us to understand and realize God's plan — why Agnes and I were placed in such a position of responsibility and great expectation. As John the Baptist had said, "I am not even worthy to tie the laces of His sandals." Agnes and I agreed to face this task headstrong believing that God will empower us and equip us with everything we need to steward CFM to greater heights, realizing its goals and discovering new potentials for the fulfillment of its mission.

We were primarily given the task of membership expansion, specifically in Central Luzon and its neighboring regions. Our journey as President-elect was not a walk in the park. We have gone through roughs and bumps along the way especially while on our visitation to different parishes in the northern provinces when we realized that most of our current members are senior citizens. But God is always by our side to lift us up. We salute the ever-loyal and committed core group of the Archdiocese of San Fernando Pampanga for keeping on; tirelessly giving time, talent, and treasure to continue the mission.

Coming into our term as Couple-President for 2020-2021, we have set three primary goals:

- 1.) A more extensive membership expansion focusing on: (a.) FLA Programs (b.) Solo Parents (c.) Youth
- 2.) Continuous Formation
- 3.) Sources of Funds

In this light, we would like to appeal to the general membership to help us achieve our goals to be able to secure a supple amount of funds for our programs, primary goals, and other activities that will sustain the stability of the CFM Philippines. "With you, we can do things better."

As the old saying goes, "Charity begins at home." So we encourage each one of us to share our blessings; to give more, for no one is too poor to give. Let us not stop giving until God stops giving -- that is when we are called to the great beyond. Our life, our treasures, all that we have is from the mercy of God so let us pay it forward, "for the Lord will return it a hundredfold."

We would like to thank all of you CFMers who took the time to be with us for the 35th Biennial National Convention in Subic, Zambales. Our heartfelt gratitude to the steering committee and everyone else who supported us in making this convention a memorable one.

Thank you.