

National President Message
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Our first 60 days as President Couple for the Christian Family Movement - Philippines was full of learnings. So what is CFM all about? Our knowledge about CFM history increases with each visitation to the organization's different pillars. We gained more wisdom and a deeper understanding of our organization after consulting with our mentors – National Chaplain Bishop Gerry Alminaza, Asst. National Chaplain Msgr. Manny Gabriel, and past president couples who are still very active in our movement. The experience we gained during this short period is truly worth remembering. God is always there to guide us in our journey. All things, good or bad, are and will always be for His glory.

January 5

Stepping into the residence of Tito Joe & Tita Charito Hilario – "The Historians", was like a walk in CFM history. It was amazing given their age, how they still remember all the details that CFM had undergone through the years: the people involved, whom they have encountered, the places they visited. These memories are all God's blessings that contributed to the growth of the CFM. We requested that The Hilarios guide us to put into writing all these memories to serve as historical reference for each CFM program. We will use this as a general guidebook when we undergo weekend encounters like the Marriage Encounter, Self Encounter, Young Adults Program, and other programs. During the meeting, we also asked Brother Ritchie & Sister Lanee dela Cruz – Child and Youth Committee head, to spearhead the making of the presentation deck and videos to fully realize this initiative.

January 6

Together with The Hilarios, we visited our Asst. National Chaplain, Msgr. Manny Gabriel, at his residence in Novaliches. We are very inquisitive about a lot of things but Msgr. Gabriel was very accommodating. He gave us advice on how to align the CFM to the structure and calendar of activities of the Roman Catholic Church; especially focusing on what to do in celebration of the 500 years of Christianity which coincides with the 65th anniversary of the CFM.

January 11 and 12

Strategic Planning. The success of our 2-day planning sessions is first and foremost attributed to the overwhelming attendance and participation of our core officers especially with the presence of our National Chaplain Bishop Gerry Alminaza, our Past President Couples – Tito George & Tita Josie Sta. Maria, Bro. Eliot Kam, Rene & Inday Prostroller, and Pip & Wilma Cruz.

January 18

We visited La Union for the PCI(spellout) with 500 students from St. Mary's Academy in attendance. Joining us for this activity were Bro. Albert & Milette Hechanova, AVP-Central Luzon Willie & Anna Napoles, AVP-Eastern Luzon Dong & Hiedy Martin, and AAVP-Pampanga Jim & Zany Castro.

February 8

Our first board meeting at Nazareth Home was well-attended with 31 members coming from different units.

February 25

We had a meeting of the SOS(spellout) Committee with our guest Joey Clemente, at Dr. Ben & Dra. Linda Famador's residence. The support we were getting from the national officers, AVPs and AAVPs, Diocese officers, and members, especially the past presidents Jeorge & Josie Sta. Maria, Rene & Inday Prostroller, and Joe & Charito Hilario gives us the strength, inspiration, and a positive outlook to continue our journey with our hearts full of hope.

February 26

We had a meeting with our National Chaplain Bishop Gerry Alminaza. We are very grateful to him for sharing his time. We are hopeful that with his guidance, we can truly accomplish our plans and goals during our term.

In Christ,

Boy & Agnes Yambao