

Dear brother/sister in Christ,

Congratulations on finishing the Christian Life Seminar.

As we have said, this is not the end, but just the beginning. We encourage you to continue to explore what the Lord has done for you, so that the work of transformation in Christ will continue in your life.

You can know more about Missionary Families of Christ (MFC) by reading the attached materials:

- Statement of Vision and Mission
- Statement of Philosophy
- Core Values

In addition we have provided you with a copy of the Covenant of MFC. This is what regular members of the community commit to. For you, we have invited you to just try the next step in the God's plan for you, which is to join a household. Later, if you so desire, you can also make this covenant.

What can you expect from MFC?

You have been placed in a household, together with other CLS graduates. This household functions as the basic support environment for our Christian life. Here you can learn to worship God, receive practical wisdom on aspects of the Christian Life, receive support for overcoming obstacles to growth, develop intimate friendships with other Christians, and generally be cared for by the body.

A household servant has been appointed for your group. He/she is there to serve you. He/she is responsible for all the activities of the household and for the good order of meetings. He/she acts as an older brother/sister to the group. He/she is there to help you experience the life and culture of MFC.

Further, the next few months, there will be prayer assemblies, recollections, teachings, forum and other activities to give more input on the Christian life and to round out your total life in the Lord.

What does MFC ask of you?

First of all, we strongly encourage you to experience the household meetings and other activities of the community. Our whole life in MFC is based on being built up as God's people, with unity and mission in the world. This happens as we come together regularly to pray, study and fellowship with one another. We assure you it will be a wonderful experience.

Second is a spirit of openness.

- To God's action in your life
- To your brothers and sisters who are there to support and encourage you.
- To your household leader, who has been tasked with the responsibility of caring for you.
- To a new way of Christian

Third is an attitude of humility. We recognize our sinfulness in the light of God's holiness. We admit that we need God's help, and the help of other committed Christians, if we are to grow in this new life in Christ.

How about difficulties?

If you have any concerns or difficulties, please be open and bring these up to your household leader. He/she will try to address your concern.

When problems and difficulties come, these are precisely the times when you would need the support of your brothers and sisters in the Lord. Do not hold back. Do not put up a facade. Do not absent yourselves from your meetings.

Again, congratulations and welcome!

You can look forward to fulfilment in your quest for God and in your desire to build up a strong Christian family. As you are faithful to God, then God will be faithful to you. As you are generous with your time and resources, God will be generous to you. Make the most out of your relationships with your new brothers and sisters in Christ. You are after the same things. You are there to encourage and support each other. And you can expect to experience joy in these relationships. With the psalmist, you will be able to say: "Behold how good it is, and how pleasant, where brethren dwell as one!" (Psalm 133:1)

Finally, know that the Lord has indeed called you to a new life, one of holiness and walking in His ways. There is still much that the Lord needs to work on in your life, but as you open yourself to Him and humbly submit your life to His lordship, then you can be assured "that he who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil.1:6).

God bless you.

Your brethren in Christ,

MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST

