

Missionary Families of Christ

SPIRITUAL ADVISER IN MFC

MFC is a lay ecclesial movement in the Catholic Church. One of its Core Values is “Being a Servant to the Church.” MFC desires to be at the heart of the Church and to work for the advancement of her life and mission.

MFC has spiritual advisers on the international, national and local¹ levels. They usually are priests but in some cases can be nuns. They usually are appointed by competent ecclesiastical authority, but in some cases are there by simple agreement between the cleric and MFC. Their terms are usually open-ended, unless a fixed term is mutually agreed upon. The extent of their actual involvement in MFC depends on its needs, their availability, and whatever is mutually agreed upon.

The role of the Spiritual Adviser, in general, is to help the community in the pursuance of its vision and mission. In particular, the Spiritual Adviser:

- (1) Provides teachings as needed or requested, especially on the sacraments, catechism and Church documents.
- (2) Helps enhance the sacramental life of community members, especially in appreciation of the Eucharist and Reconciliation.
- (3) Helps provide pastoral cover and support to community leaders.
- (4) Does visitations of households, assemblies and events, and gives inputs for improvement if any.
- (5) Mediates in disputes that are elevated to him.
- (6) Endorses MFC to other clerics.
- (7) Keeps a pastoral eye out for MFC, provides inputs to leaders as needed, and intercedes for its life and mission.

MFC looks to the Spiritual Adviser to be knowledgeable about its vision, mission, culture and pattern of life.

The Spiritual Adviser is not directly engaged in community governance. However, his inputs are always welcome.

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¹ Diocese, vicariate or parish.