

**Filipino Cursillo Community (FCC)
Constitution and Bylaws and its Amendments
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“For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.” Romans 2:13

Keeping the law is not always easy, but it is for order and guidance. The FCC’s Constitution and Bylaws is aligned with the National Secretariat to create a unified expression of Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo and his mentality when he founded the Cursillo Movement.

The Cursillo movement is not an organization founded on strict corporate laws, but a movement that was started by the laity faith community. This community approved and ratified the FCC Constitution and Bylaws and its Amendments following the Articles of Operation United States Cursillo Movement to create a relationship among us through the Charism of Friendship.

When FCC became member of the National Secretariat, we became part of the North American Caribbean Group (NACG) from which the responsibilities of servant leaders were entrusted to us.

The Holy Spirit calls on all of us to adopt the Charism of Friendship. Along with the Charism of Friendship, comes the responsibility that each Diocesan Movement shall abide to the Basic Policy established by the National Secretariat to ensure consistency and unity in the Cursillo Movement.

The 2021 FCC AdHoc Committee reviewed the FCC’s Constitution and created Bylaws through the FCC Secretariat for the required annual review process. I received a call for a request and approval to be a member of the committee from our dedicated Lay Director Sis. Cora Tuason, as well as an email with the committee member expectations outlined. The need for the Constitution and Bylaws review was announced by Sis. Cora on Feb. 22, 2021, during the Team Representative’s (TR) meeting. I was enthused to learn of the other members of the committee: Sis. Gid Eugenio, Sis. Clarita Perez, Bro. Mario Camorongan, Deacon Rey Encarnacion as our Spiritual Adviser, and Bro. Kit Santos. They were all voices of wisdom and knowledge of the movement.

Sis. Clarita, who is the expert in the layout and typing of this project, sent the Group Reunion Representatives (GRT) the copies of the Constitution and Bylaws with the Articles of Operation on March 5, 2021. Our journey took us to our first Zoom meeting on March 10, 2021, and we discussed the strategic plan on how to proceed with the review to involve all members of the community. This was an important message shared to the GRTs to bring it to the community and give each member an active chance to engage with the review process.

The AdHoc Committee decided to divide all the 21 GRTs into subgroups. Seven of the GRTs have a great number of members, so two additional GRTs with fewer members will be part of the team. Our tedious review, discussions and constant Zoom meetings started with timelines and deadlines

to meet and comply with the expectations. As I mentioned, it involved a lot of reading, discipline, discernment, open-mindedness, collaboration, discussion, disagreements, and the resolution of those disagreements during these past seven months. This rigorous process ended up with meeting of the minds, and in the end, the love of God and our love for each other prevailed.

*We may have had some disagreements and with a takeaway from Eduardo's messages he said, "If our **HEART** is not in it, we will not be successful". When we engage in a process we follow the **WILL, MIND** and **PRAYER**. Our **HEARTS** were in it and so on Oct. 6, 2021, the FCC Constitution and Bylaws was unanimously approved and ratified during a special meeting held with the Secretariat, Team Representatives and the AdHoc Committee members, and the official signing of the documents was held in-person at San Ramon Central Park on Oct. 10, 2021.*

As Sis. Clarita said, we thank you all for the hard work and the enormous time spent to put this job into completion. Great job, everyone. I truly believe that our commitment, love of God and love for each other will always be our guiding principle to move onward with our Cursillo Movement.

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