



## The Heartbeat of CMD

It's not the earthquake that controls the advent of a different life, but storms of generosity and visions of incandescent souls. (Boris Pasternak)

The heart of CMD beats for God; a heart that has fallen in love with God and only beats for the glorification of God in Heaven and on Earth; a heart obedient to the Master's call, "Seek you first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (holiness) and other things shall be added unto you." Our desire is a world re-consecrated to God with one Lord and King, Jesus Christ. CMD's heart labors and desires to see a system of education, family, human formation, entertainment, societal norms, leadership, etc. grounded in God through Jesus Christ. CMD's desire for global renewal and enthronement of God in all human hearts is in accord with the promise of a New Covenant in Christ, the Messiah and King of all nations, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people... for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," (Jer. 31:33-34; Heb.8:8; 2 Cor.3:3).

We pray and labor that by the grace of God, this inner music of our soul; this inner beating of CMD heart, will be seen with our eyes and heard around us; that Jesus Christ, the All in All, has been truly enthroned at the center of all activities and human existence. This heartbeat has been our daily determination, and we find it always in need of perfection, so "we keep on pressing." We are glad that we are very much aware that this desire of our hearts has not yet been perfected and such calls for our attention to the vigilance of the wise virgins; lest we befool ourselves thinking that we have arrived and then fall into the same chasm, which has afflicted the "typical" modern person who believes that humanity has arrived at the age of reason and does not need God any longer; thus, causing the afflictions of separation of soul and body, divine and nature, spiritual and secular, God and humans, etc.

Driven by the passion to find agape-soul mates, bonded by the same heartbeat that seeks to ground everything in Christ, CMD came into being. Before CMD came to be in this side of eternity, God has fashioned persons with a CMD heartbeat, and by a supernatural impulse, He has brought us together, not merely as companions of an organization, but rather as a family and an international community; a community of persons desiring to be saints, where holiness and peace will kiss, and where serenity will reign in their walls. In this family, bonded inseparably by evangelical-agape, love beyond consanguineous ties, persons begotten by the Blood of the Son of God, the Spirit of Pentecost has bestowed upon us the same DNA, which is a heart that beats for the reign of Christ in the world and in everything. In this family, therefore,

through labor, constant prayer, penance, poverty, charity, apostolate, personal witnessing, and ultimately, by the blessing of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel – God-with-us, the Word Who took Flesh, God will grant physical birth to the inner beating of our hearts. In CMD, we are living the Love of God; practicing the purity of the Holy Spirit and Virgin Mary; practicing the poverty and humility of Jesus Christ; practicing the obedience of the Suffering Servant of God and the Fiat of Mary; and practicing the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit with one another. As such, unloving, unchaste, unforgiving, prideful, prayerless, disobedient, halfhearted, materialistic, and divisive persons do not fall in accord with CMD’s heartbeat. In CMD, we draw strength and inspiration from the Communion of Saints, and we pray assiduously for the souls in purgatory awaiting beatific vision. Daily, we invoke the help of the choirs of Angels, and they have been very instrumental to the success CMD has witnessed so far.

In seeking to accomplish this desire, all members should keep in mind CMD’s slogan, “backward never, stagnant never and forward ever.”

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