



CFM European Congress in 2003

Zagreb, Croatia

The European CFM Congress will be held in Zagreb, Croatia, on July 17 to 20, 2003. The theme, "The Family as a Life-long Community," has been chosen because it is challenging and interesting, a topic to be examined and discussed not only at the Congress but also in everyday life.

CFM Europe Presidents Tony and Lily Gauci were in Zagreb, Croatia, from May 8-12, 2002, and met with Congress Chaircouple Marijo and Darka Zivkovic, to discuss the Congress program. They visited the Apostolic Nuncio, who accepted to address the Congress, the Bishop of Zagreb and government and Church representatives for the Family.

The Congress will focus on four main talks, followed by questions, which will be sent in advance for delegates to discuss in their own country. Thus the Congress will gain from the participation not only of the delegates in Zagreb but also of other CFM members at home. The four speakers include a resource person from the USA, one from Milan, a couple and a priest from Croatia.

Four workshops on the following themes:

1. Marriage and growth in mutual love
2. Parenthood and the success of a happy family;
3. Environment and the family
4. Communication

The Official Opening Ceremony on the afternoon of July 17 will feature addresses by Marijo and Darka, the Apostolic Nuncio, Tony and Lily with Fr. N. Debono Montebello, representing the CFM Europe Presidency, and Nop and Elma Muangkroot, ICCFM President Couple. There will also be addresses by the civil and ecclesiastical authorities.

After the Congress there will be an optional tour of two days to Medjugorje.