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## MESSAGE OF THE ICCFM PRESIDENTS

### Greetings of peace and goodwill!



We start our 2nd Semester of 2021 with no less than Cardinal Anders Arborelius, O. C.D of Sweden as our resource speaker who will share his reflection on “Saint Joseph in our Life”. This topic is most appropriate at this time. Last December 8, 2020, Pope Francis announced a year dedicated to Saint Joseph to mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. This is to remind us of his role as protector of the entire family of God, the Church. It is with joy that we have a chance to highlight this important event in the life of the Church in our continuing formation program “An Hour Together in the Mission”, which we are doing during this time of pandemic.

With travel restrictions due to Covid-19, the Meeting for the Associations of the Faithful, Ecclesial Movements and New Communities by the DICASTERY FOR LAITY, FAMILY AND LIFE will be on September 16th 2021 at the New Synod Hall, Vatican , Rome, by remote communication (via zoom). It is an event that cannot be missed

as its theme: “The Responsibility of Government in the Lay Associations: An Ecclesial Service” is very relevant under the current situation and time.

For the celebration of the 55th year Foundation day of the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements (ICCFM) on September 4 ( instead of September 7 which is working day), we have invited as Keynote speaker no less than Sister Patricia Crowley, the daughter of Patrick and Patty Crowley, one of the founding members of ICCFM.

We end 2021 with an Advent recollection as a time for spiritual awakening and renewal for us all as we prepare for the coming birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. We are lucky to have as our Advent recollection speakers, in spite of their heavy schedules, Bishop Msgr. Peter Martin Musikuwa, Bishop of Chiwawa and Fr. P. Claude N. Nonis S.T.D., National Chaplain of Family & Life, SriLanka. They will discuss “Advent in a Synodal Church: Challenges and Opportunities”. Our 2021 Christmas party is a family celebration via zoom in five continents, a world community remembering with joy the birth of Jesus!

The year 2022 has turned out to be an eventful year for the ICCFM with the easing of Covid 19 restrictions. It started with the invitation by the Dicastery of the Laity, Family and Life to attend the 2022 World Meeting of Families in Rome on June 22-26, 2022. The ICCFM Team that attended the event was composed of Bishop Gerardo A. Alminaza, Fr. Saul Ragotia, Fr Joseph Alexander De Leon, Pip & Wilma Cua, Jorge & Rosalinda Carrillo, Sergio & Dora Trevino, Marcos & Alicia Alvarez, Marco & Martha Campoy, Ricardo & Lucia Araujo.

The theme was “Family Love: a Vocation and a Path to Holiness.” The various topics and reflections during this event were filled with inspiring experiences and interestingly the resource persons/sharers used the CFM/MFC’s OJA method in their presentations.

Allow us to quote some snippets of what Pope Francis said in his homily during the concluding Eucharistic celebration in the said World Meeting of Families:

*\* On Mission for Catholic families - “Proclaim the beauty of*

*being family with joy! Proclaim the grace of Christian marriage to children and young people.”*

*\*He invited young families to “be guided by those who know the way,” and more established families to “be companions on the journey for others”. And for families who have lost the way, he encouraged them not to be overcome by sadness, but to “trust in the love that God has placed in you, [and] beseech the Spirit each day to revive it.”*

*\*He said, “Be the seed of a more fraternal world! Be families with big hearts! Be the welcoming face of the Church! And please pray, always pray!”*

Let us take heed of what Pope Francis said as they are helpful guides in our work of evangelization. Mission and Prayer come together.

This trip to Rome gave the Team the opportunity to make missionary visits to Portugal, Malta,

Spain, Sweden, Hungary and Prague. Aside from meeting the leaders and some members of CFM-MFC in the countries visited, these visits turned out to be a learning experience for all of us. Indeed, there is an urgent need to attract more young couples into the movement. New CFM/MFC units have to be put up and nurtured. Existing programs and books have to be reviewed and updated to make them relevant to the times.

Yes, there are so many challenges to beat and hurdles to overcome. ICCFM needs to put time, energy and resources to address specific issues and undertake positive, achievable, relevant and time bound solutions.

To Saint Therese, our mission saint, please continue to pray for us!

We end 2022 with great anticipation and excitement as we look forward to the forthcoming Continental Assemblies of Asia and Latin America this November. Let us pray for the success of these events.

We wish you all the best as you continue to strive for excellence in the field of evangelization. We would also take a moment to thank all of you for the hard work and dedication you put into your work. We look forward to seeing the fruits of the labor in the vineyard of the Lord. May these labor of love create a ripple of transformation throughout the world.

**Fraternally yours,**

*Pip and Wilma Cua*

President-Couple 2019-2022

## MESSAGE International Chaplain

### “Family Love: a Vocation and a Path to Holiness”



This was the theme of the Tenth World Meeting of Families held last June 22-26, 2022 in Rome where ICCFM was well represented by our ICCFM Officers and some national delegations where we are actively present.

From beginning to end, the personal love of the Holy Father was very visible and palpable. Among other things in his homily at the Closing Mass, Pope Francis reminded participants that:

1. “The family is the place of encounter, of sharing, of going forth from ourselves in order to welcome others and stand beside them... We must never forget that the family is

the first place where we learn to love.”

2. “...In praising the beauty of the family, we also feel compelled, today more than ever, to **defend the family**. Let us not allow the family to be poisoned by the toxins of selfishness, individualism, today’s culture of indifference and culture of waste, and as a result lose its very DNA, which is the spirit of acceptance and service.”

3. Parents need to reflect on God’s way of acting: “God is not anxious and overprotective; on the contrary, **he trusts young people and he calls each of them to scale the heights of life and of mission.**” Parents need not shield their children “from the slightest hardship and suffering, but to try to communicate to them a passion for life, to arouse in them the desire to discover their vocation and **embrace the great mission** that God has in mind for them.”

4. “When Jesus calls, also in the case of marriage and family life, he asks us to keep looking ahead, and he always precedes us on the way. He **always precedes us** in love and service. And those who follow him will not be disappointed!”

5. “It is not an easy journey: there will be dark moments, moments of difficulty in which we will think that it is all over. May the love you share with one another be always **open, directed outwards, capable of “touching” the weak and wounded,** the frail in body and the frail in spirit, and **all whom you meet along the way.** For love, including family love, is purified and strengthened **whenever it is shared with others.”**

6. “In the moments of difficulty and crisis – every family has them – please **do not take the easy way....”**

What a timely message and reminder! We in the ICCFM take these words of the Holy Father to heart. It is indeed a precious gift that we are linked together through ICCFM! Through ICCFM, we have this opportunity to accompany each other through various ways and platforms in every circumstance our family life and faith journey. We have been journeying together in synodality long before the Holy Father has called the Church to go back to our very nature as Church- listening, inclusive, participatory, in ever deepening communion for mission!

I end this message with this important affirmation of the Holy Father:

*“The Church is **with** you; indeed, the Church is **in** you! For the Church was born of a family,*

*the Holy Family of Nazareth, and is made up mostly of families. May the Lord help you each day to persevere in unity, peace, joy, and in moments of difficulty, that faithful perseverance, which makes us live better and shows everyone that God is love and communion of life.”*

Affectionately yours in the Holy Family of  
Nazareth,

**MOST REV. GERARDO A. ALMINAZA, D.D.**  
Bishop of San Carlos, Philippines  
ICCFM Chaplain

**Winter Meeting of the National Board  
of Directors of Christian Family  
Movement-USA.  
29-30 January 2022.**

We, Wilbur and Juanita, were invited to participate in the winter meeting of CFM-USA with the presidents and their national board. It took place on January 29-30, 2022.

Due to the high number of cases of the Omicron variant throughout the country, they changed their plans to meet virtually instead of in-person.

In addition to the national board, Bishop George Rassas also participated in the meetings and prayers over the weekend.

Presidents Brian and Mary Ann Thelen gave their report on all the achievements and activities that the Movement has carried out. They also thanked Lauri Przybysz for serving as Executive Director of the CFM-USA since december 2016.

In summer and winter, the presidents and their national board members meet to

review all the activities they have carried out to expand the Movement, but they also review the projects they will undertake in the next semester.



***MFC Los Angeles, Internal Apostolate,  
February 20, 2022.***

The MFC in Los Angeles holds monthly meetings with zone leaders from all parishes where MFC is present.

The objective of these meetings is to educate and inform its members, and each month the leaders receive comprehensive training that covers human and Christian aspects.

They also review all the activities they have planned for the following month of service.

During the pandemic, these apostolates were conducted via Zoom, but they have now started conducting them in person, as the parishes have allowed more access to group activities.

Everyone was delighted to be able to gather in person as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Whenever possible, we accompany them, and on February 20, we attended the first Internal Apostolate of 2022.







**INTERNAL APOSTOLATE 2022**



**MFC LOS ANGELES  
YOUTH RETREAT  
January 2022**

A unique experience among youth



**Fourth Internal Apostolate And Finances  
January 2022**

Monthly Formation and Information Event, delighted to have Deacon Francisco Padilla as a member and trainer.



**Special Night for Spiritual Advisers  
February 2022**

Aware of the importance of Spiritual Advisers, we celebrated a special night dedicated to them.





**Leadership Formation Retreat  
MARCH 2022**

Thank you to Jose and Maria Elena Marin, former Presidents of MFC-LA, for inspiring us to serve with love and for love!



**Fifth Internal Apostolate and Finances  
FEBRUARY 2022**

Monthly Formation and Information Event, featuring the participation of Psychologist John Izaguirre



## Sixth Internal Apostolate and Finances March 2022

Sharing Formation, Information, and  
Evangelization!



## Spring Dance April 2022

Night of sharing, dancing, laughing, and  
enjoying together as couples!



## Seventh Internal Apostolate and Finances April 2022

Continuing in Spiritual Formation, thank you  
to Pepe Gomez for his teachings!



## Third Level Retreat May 2022

Expressing gratitude, recognition, and  
celebration to the membership for  
completing their third level and encouraging  
them to continue in their service.



**We participated in the Monthly Meeting of the Archdiocesan Coordinating Team of Los Angeles on 03/11/2022.**

The presidents of Los Angeles and their Executive Board attend this monthly meeting where they review together the work plans and discuss the activities they will carry out in the following month.

In addition to this, they report on the activities, evaluating the challenges and achievements they had during the month.

One of their spiritual advisers always accompanies them in these meetings from the three they have.

During this meeting, Father Victor Ramos was present. The spiritual adviser enlightens them with the word of God, encouraging them to continue working with faith and joy for families.

The objective is to motivate and encourage them in their service, ensuring it is of quality and perseverance.

The Promotion Secretary provided details for the retreat that will take place on Sunday, March 13, 2022. The retreat aims to inspire the leaders and members for the upcoming service period.



## Meeting with Juan Carlos and Maritza Veliz, Presidents of MFCC-Canada.

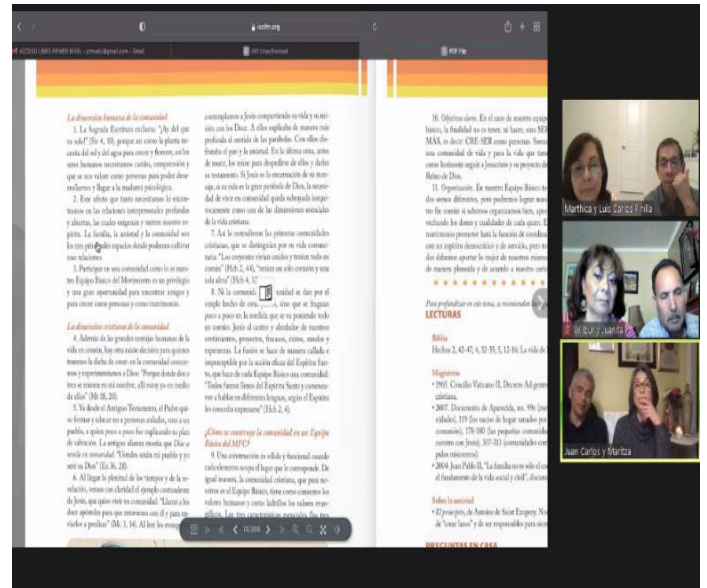
On March 14, we had a meeting with Juan Carlos and Maritza Veliz, Presidents of MFCC-Canada.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce Mr. and Mrs. Veliz to Luis Carlos and Martica Pinilla, a couple who were former Continental Presidents of Latin America and are now relocating to Canada and wish to integrate into the service of MFC-Canada.

The connection of Luis Carlos and Martica Pinilla was recommended by Sergio and Dora Treviño, Vice Presidents of CIMFC.

We are delighted and looking forward to the Pinilla couple's potential support for MFCC-Canada.

The Veliz couple expressed their happiness and shared the materials they are currently working with, warmly opening the doors of MFC-Canada to them.



**The meeting we had with Brian and Mary Ann, Presidents of CFM-USA, and with Jesus and Yoryana Aguilar, who are part of our team.**

It was a pleasure to attend this meeting on February 7, 2022.

The objective was to introduce Brian and Mary Ann Thelen, Presidents of CFM-USA, to how MFC Los Angeles carries out the promotion for new members.

Specifically, we presented the process of activities carried out by the Zone Coordinators in a parish during promotion Sundays.

Although CFM-USA has a different promotion dynamic than MFC Los Angeles, it was a great experience to make this presentation to Brian and Mary Ann Thelen.





## Meeting with the National Presidents of CFM North America

The meeting took place on May 7, 2022.

The objective of the meeting was to discover service tools for families in CFM's. Additionally, it aimed to explore how CFM can restore the family's role in evangelization and the transmission of faith. The topic of the Synod for a Synodal Church was also addressed.

We had the honor of having Dr. Antonio Medina as the speaker, who has extensive experience in pastoral work. He currently serves as a Consultant for Hispanic Affairs at the California Conference of Bishops and is the Director of the Office for the ongoing Formation of Priests in the Diocese of San Bernardino.

We were pleased to have Pip and Wilma Cua, Presidents of ICCFM, and Sergio and Dora



Treviño, Vice Presidents of ICCFM, present at the meeting.

During the meeting, we also introduced Mr. Jeremias and Mrs. Rosario Morales as the candidates for the Continental Presidency for the period 2022-2025.



## “Knowing MFC at the Latin American Level”



Knowing MFC at the Latin American Level is a project initiated by the Secretariat for Latin America 2017-2022 of the Latin American Christian Family Movement. It involves all 18 countries and has well-defined objectives, allowing interested MFC members to directly learn about the functioning of MFC in different countries through the accounts of the protagonists and leaders of MFC in each country.

This project arises from the need to delve into the knowledge of the lived experiences, methodologies of recruitment and formation, strategies for member retention, and organizational structures in different countries. Its purpose is to fulfill the objective of MFC, which is the **evangelization and promotion of the family by developing its human and Christian values, and training it to fulfill its mission as a forming of persons, educator in faith, promoter of the common good, and defender of life.**

In different countries, MFC experiences vary in terms of structures, services, sensibilities, opportunities, and limitations. The document "**This is MFC: Its Being, Its Life, and Its Action**" serves as a guide to understand the history and direction of the Christian Family Movement regarding its objective, charisma, mission, essence, and apostolic action. However, the developed chapters aim to provide a concrete understanding of the pastoral action of MFC in different countries, including contributions, legacies, evolution, and limitations.

**The technical details of the project are as follows:**

**Project Name:** Knowing the MFC at the Latin American Level

**Responsibles:** Secretariat for Latin America and National Teams of MFC

**Program Modality:** Live in-person and virtual program conducted through platforms like Zoom and Facebook Live, organized by SPLA and featuring participation from different member countries of MFC Latin America.

**Format:** Periodic broadcasts showcasing the history, legacy, apostolic action, and projects of MFC in each country.

**Schedule:** Sundays at 20:00 (Paraguay time).

**Duration:** 2 hours.



**Justification:** Analyzing the Latin American Assemblies (AGLAS), we have observed that the assigned time for representatives from each country is limited and insufficient to present and share the different actions, achievements, and projects undertaken by each country. Therefore, we believe it is necessary to provide a more suitable and exclusive time for each MFC-present country, currently 18 countries, to expose the MFC experience in their respective countries. This will allow all MFC leaders and members participating in the program to expand their knowledge of the movement.

The format consists of periodic broadcasts covering the history, legacy, apostolic action, and projects of MFC in each country, with a duration of approximately 2 hours, scheduled on Sundays in the late evening according to a predetermined and shared calendar with the countries.

**General Objective:**

- To present and make known the life, various actions, structure, achievements, and projects of MFC in

each country to all MFC leaders and members in Latin America.

**Specific Objectives:**

- Understand the history and functioning of MFC in each country.
- Familiarize with the actions, methodology, organizational unity, and growth materials available in each country's MFC.
- Identify the legacy and importance of MFC in each country.
- Detail the different action plans and projects of MFC in each country.
- Encourage all MFC members to get to know MFC.

**Program Outline:** The program is flexible and should be tailored to the presentation objectives of each National Team. The participation of the country can be led by the national presidents or by an appointed individual, couple, or group to animate the program.

The aspects that must necessarily be covered include:

- **History of MFC in the country:** Foundation date, founers.
- **Membership:** Married couples, youth, adolescents, children, widows, separated individuals, and divorced compared to 2019/2020/2021.
- **Organizational Structure:** Regions, dioceses, parishes, sectors, other structures.
- **Formation Methodology within the MFC:** Formation in basic teams, materials used, number of members per team.

- **Community Service:** Services offered outside the MFC
- **Ongoing Projects:** Projects currently being undertaken.
- **Upcoming Projects:** Projects being prepared for the future.
- **Specific Data and Information:** Any country-specific information to be shared.
- **Q&A Session:** A series of questions and answers that arise as a result of the program.



**Expected Outcome:**

The project aims to achieve the following results:

- Opportunity for leaders to showcase how the MFC operates in their country.
- Different members of the Latin American MFC gaining a general understanding of the situation and experience of the MFC in each country.
- Future leaders of the Latin American MFC being able to develop their work programs based on the reality presented by different countries.

- Latin American unity among different countries, supporting the participation of each country.



**Final Project Benefit:**

- **For the MFC country:** To showcase its history, work, and activities in an extensive manner.
- **For MFC leaders:** To gain knowledge of the reality in different countries, their successes, and the possibility to conduct internal improvement diagnostics.
- **For MFC members:** To have a broader perspective beyond their particular experience in their basic team, sector, diocese, and country.

**Condition to Enable the Project:**

**Total commitment** from all **members of the different National Teams**, supporting the presentations of different countries and preparing their own.

## Program Schedule:

A calendar has been established that covers 20 chapters, with each country being a chapter, from November 2021 to October 2022.

## In Summary:

The experience of presenting different countries has been highly enriching and motivating, and we consider each of the 15 chapters already developed by the countries a success.



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## IX EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY OF THE LATIN AMERICAN MFC

Given that the pandemic had not yet been overcome and there was no idea of when the

restrictive measures would be lifted, and considering that in November 2021, under



normal conditions, the Secretariat for Latin America - SPLA should convene the XXX Ordinary Assembly for the change of authorities, it was necessary to seek the opinion of the different countries. The decision was made to convene the IX Extraordinary General Assembly of Latin America in a virtual format on March 21, 2021, with the following agenda:

1. Reschedule the date of the Ordinary General Assembly, originally planned for November 22-24, 2021, to a new date to be agreed upon.
2. Reschedule the deadlines established in Article 16 of the statutes of the Christian Family Movement in Latin America, in accordance with the approved rescheduling of the Ordinary General Assembly.

The general rationale behind these decisions was as follows:

Ensure that National Presidents, Ecclesial Advisors, and guests attending the Ordinary General Assembly for the change of authorities, whose presence is mandatory, would not face any health or legal issues related to travel and vaccination against COVID. Additionally, it was important to consider that the conditions and possibilities of COVID transmission were not high, had been reduced, and if possible, controlled in the different member countries of the MFCLA.

It is worth noting that the assembly achieved a 100% attendance and participation rate from eligible members, which is remarkable and encouraging in terms of a sense of belonging, willingness to collaborate, and the identity of the CFM in all Latin American countries. All 18 member countries participated, along with the members of the SPLA Team and the Former PRELAS Period 2013-2017, as well as current advisers Lucy and Ricardo Araujo Castro, and Doris and Sergio Treviño, Vice Presidents of the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements.

During the assembly, four proposals were presented:

- Proposal 1: Postpone the assembly to July 15, 16 & 17, 2022.
- Proposal 2: Postpone the assembly to November 4, 5, & 6 2022.
- Proposal 3: Postpone the assembly to July 8, 9 & 10, 2022.
- Proposal 4: Postpone the assembly to November 11, 12 & 13, 2022.

At the beginning of the assembly, the Latin American Advisor, Father Marcos Wilk, delivered a message to the assembly members,

inviting them to reflect on the "**Family as the Domestic Church.**" He highlighted four truths: 1) Family life is sacred; 2) Family activity is holy; 3) The family has a unique ministry: helping to discover and value the gifts of each member; and 4) The faith of a family is an evangelizing community. He concluded by inviting everyone to seek the intercession of Saint Joseph for families and ended with a prayer to the saint as a Good Father, followed by the recitation of the Hail Mary.

The entire assembly unanimously approved Proposal 4, which consists of extending the current term of the SPLA team for one more year.

It was also unanimously authorized for the current PRELAS, Alicia and Marcos Álvarez, to continue in their positions until the next Ordinary General Assembly, which was scheduled.

The Latin American Presidents, Alicia and Marcos Álvarez-Quiñonez, offered a final reflection expressing that the CFM continues to be a work of God, responding to God's plan within His salvific work for humanity by promoting and protecting the family, which is a sign of God's love for humanity, a heritage of humanity, and a sanctuary of life.

They emphasized that as a work of God, the CFM belongs to God, and it is our responsibility to follow and maintain His plan for the salvation of mankind (our own salvation) through the conversion of our families.



## SIXTH LATIN AMERICAN MEETING OF YOUTH (20, 21 & 22 April 2022)

In May 2022, the long-awaited Sixth Latin American Youth Encounter (VI ELAJO) took place, with Costa Rica as the host country and the theme "Youth committed to the evangelization of the Latin American family." This grand event was held at the San Benito Salesian Spiritual Center in the city of Heredia. Young representatives from 13 countries participated, along with married couples and pastoral assistants from Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Peru, Dominican Republic, Paraguay, and Bolivia, bringing representation and identity to the gathering.

The three days were filled with moments of prayer, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, conferences following the See, Judge, Act methodology, musical animation by the Servidei group, dynamics, games, a rally, and integration activities.

The structure of the VI ELAJO followed the same guidelines as previous ELAJO events, based on the methodology proposed by the Latin

American Church of Seeing, Judging, and Acting. The topics developed during the encounter were organized as follows:



**See:** "Youth: Perspectives, Issues, and Challenges" always in line with the theme "Youth committed to the evangelization of the Latin American family." This session focuses on the global problems that young people face, including their family dynamics and their involvement in the MFC.

It presents an analysis from the speaker's perspective, placing participants in their current role and encouraging them to share their own experiences. The session explores the strengths and vulnerabilities of young people in their personal lives, families, and within the Church through the MFC.

**Reference:** The Parable of the Prodigal Son, Luke 15:11-16, which highlights the reality experienced by the prodigal son, his possessions, his actions, and his current situation.

**Judge:** "The Youth as a Path of Evangelization" always in line with the theme "Youth committed to the evangelization of the Latin American family." This session focuses on taking ownership of one's reality, training, and mission in personal life, family, and the Church through the MFC.

**Reference:** The Parable of the Prodigal Son, Luke 15:17-19, where the prodigal son

becomes aware of his reality and reflects upon it.

**Act:** "Youth committed to the evangelization of the Latin American family" from the perspective of Area VI, summarizing the reality of young people who are called not only to be the future but also to be the architects of their own lives, their families, and the Church through the MFC.

**Reference:** The Parable of the Prodigal Son, Luke 15:20-24, where the prodigal son takes concrete action and is fully rewarded by the Father.

The spiritual closeness of all participants was emphasized throughout the VI ELAJO. The event was dynamic, as young people typically prefer, with games such as the rally, a Latin American-themed evening party, and moments of prayer and reflection. Several priests, bishops, and the Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See in Costa Rica accompanied the activity. The Apostolic Nuncio read and delivered a greeting from His Holiness Pope Francis for this event.

"The young people of the Latin American MFC fulfill Pope Francis' mandate to make a joyful noise, and let it be an ordered noise."



Undoubtedly, one of the most beautiful moments was the visit of the Apostolic Nuncio of Costa Rica, His Excellency Bruno Musaró, who brought us the word of the Holy Father, both in person and from a distance. Part of the message said the following: "May you discern your calling as evangelizers, fearless witnesses of the light of faith, and bring the message of salvation to the families of Latin America, even to the most forgotten peripheries of that beloved continent." In this way, Pope Francis ignited the hearts of those present and entrusted us with a great mission.

Finally, after examining the reality they are facing (See), making value judgments (Judge), each country has taken on commitments (Act) that they will carry out with a strong conviction to be true evangelizers of the Latin American family.





**CFM EUROPE**  
**MÉCS (CFM/FIRES) HUNGARY**  
**Activities from July 2021 to Dec 2021**

I. The most significant event in the life of CFM/FIRES in Hungary was the **change of leadership**.



On 28 August 2021, after several years of preparation, Balázs and Krisztina Ménesi, President couple of CFM/FIRES Hungary, handed over the leadership of CFM/FIRES Hungary after their 25 years of service to a Presidential Team of four couples, who together, working in different areas (FIRES programs, CFM groups, Organizational and Legal Background, CFM Youth, Prayer Background), will lead CFM/FIRES Hungary. Norbert and Bernadett Dévényi have been appointed as the current national President couple.



II. **CFM groups**

The past two years were varied with lot of challenges for our groups.

We cannot say real tendencies or typical cases, but we could see that all groups who considered important to keep their group alive, and meet each other, found their own way to do it.

Most of them used online techniques for their meetings. Some of them used it only as an emergency solution, but a lot of them found the potential to improve these meetings, and it could increase the presence of married couple too. As a clear benefit, some groups still use this mode as an alternative for members who cannot join to the meeting for any reason.



Some groups preferred to go outside during their meetings. Some of them kept them parallel with their “normal” regular meetings.

Unfortunately, some of groups did not survive this period, but it seems that pandemic was more likely an excuse than the reason for the termination of their groups.

Also, many new communities were established during this period, and we could see that the real connection became more important than before, and people were looking for these opportunities.



As a summary we can say that our groups showed creativity to survive this period and most of them were strengthened, but some of them need real support to get their momentum back.

### III. FIRES Encounter programs

With the improving pandemic situation we have re-started our retreats in the fall of 2021 with a lot of hope. Everybody personally has experienced difficulties, tensions, weariness and bleakness in his or her own family. We knew very well how important the FIRES programs were where we could turn to God again, stand in front of Him who is the ultimate source of life. At the same time, we could face ourselves, our difficulties and draw strength from God to continue after the pandemic.



We had two Engaged Encounters during this period, which got filled up very quickly with enthusiastic young couples.

We had one Original Marriage Encounter which filled up slowly, but thank God, eventually we ended up with a large group of married couples.

We also organized a Self Encounter for single persons so they can pause for a few days and dive into a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other.



All of these retreats brought renewal and strengthened the participants in their relationships with each other and God after all the difficulties of the pandemic.

All of us have been deeply touched by the past years' happenings. Nothing is so evident anymore like before. This makes all of us more and more thankful to God for every single retreat and all of their blessings.

**IV. CFM Youth** is present in three Hungarian cities, with ten communities in Érd, seven in Esztergom and three in Biatorbágy. A new development for 2021 is that, starting last autumn, a delegate from each of the couples leading CFM Youth groups will meet every six months to discuss possible joint programmes, learn from each other and consider ways to spread CFM Youth, seeing the huge demand and desire among families for the growth and spread of CFM Youth.



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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

On November 13, 2021, the Extraordinary National Assembly was held where the new National Presidential Team was elected for the next four years.

They presented a project based on five pillars: service, consolidation, family, community and evangelization. Let us pray that the Lord may guide and enlighten them during this time so that they may transmit the joy of the Gospel to all families.

The families of the Christian Family Movement of Spain are very grateful for the dedication and the work done by the previous presidential team. May God bless them!



**Members of the outgoing and incoming Presidential teams**

**FILM: "LET'S HAVE A PEACEFUL PARTY"**

It is a musical film about the happy, optimistic and hopeful family that strengthens family ties and promotes family values.

Directed by Juan Manuel Coto and produced by the Infinito+1 Foundation thanks to a crowdfunding campaign to which we have joined from the Christian Family Movement.

The plot focuses on a young married couple that is about to separate, putting the focus on the innocent victims, who are the children. But it does so from a positive perspective, stressing the possibility of starting over, learning to listen and to put oneself in the other's place and, above all, being willing to forgive. In addition, it speaks about the dependence on mobile devices, its consequences of the real lack of communication between people, it criticizes TV trash and emphasizes the urgency of devoting time to the family. It also proposes a reflection on grandparents and the wisdom they bring to the family.

We are sure that it will do a lot of good for families and we are proud to have participated in its financing.



## CFM ASIA

### **ACCFM PRESIDENT REPORT**

**June 2021 – May 2022**

The pandemic which has ruled our lives over the last 2 ½ years seems to be finally ebbing away in most countries of the world. But sadly, in its place has come war, unrest, economic slowdown, inflation to torment people who are already suffering.

In Asia, we have more or less gone back to pre-COVID life but, of course, with the mask, social distancing and other precautions having become a part of life or as many people call it the 'new normal'

We are grateful to the ICCFM for organising An Hour Together in the Mission regularly, every quarter, which gives us a chance to meet globally and hear well-prepared talks on relevant timely topics.

**September 4, 2021** - We also participated in the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ICCFM Foundation Day via Zoom, and on **December 4, 2021**, the ICCFM Christmas Party.

We have had several Zoom meetings of the Asia Continental Core Team (Sept 11, 2021, January 29, 2022) to prepare for the 12<sup>th</sup> ACCFM Conference, scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand on November 11-14, 2022. The Theme - Interreligious Dialogue: Advancing the Mission of Christian Family Movements in Asia

Each Member Country has given their detailed Reports for this Bulletin, but we would like to mention here a few bits of news.

## **CFM INDIA REPORT**

**2021-2022**

**CFM India** is active in 3 regions in India: **Bangalore, Mumbai and Goa.**

After the AGM, in 2021, the new National Board members are :

National President Couple: Remedios and Ninfa da Silva

National Vice President Couple: Kenneth and Suja Smith

National Secretary Couple: Basil and Blanche D'Souza

National Treasurer Couple: Jose and Sarita Almeida

National Chaplain: Friar Sidney

Mascarenhas, OFM

Editor: Evelyn Coutto

Past National President Couple: Richard and Judith D'Souza

### **Regional News - CFM Bangalore:**

The present strength of CFM Bangalore is 87 Families across 11 groups. All the 11 groups have Chaplains to guide the groups.

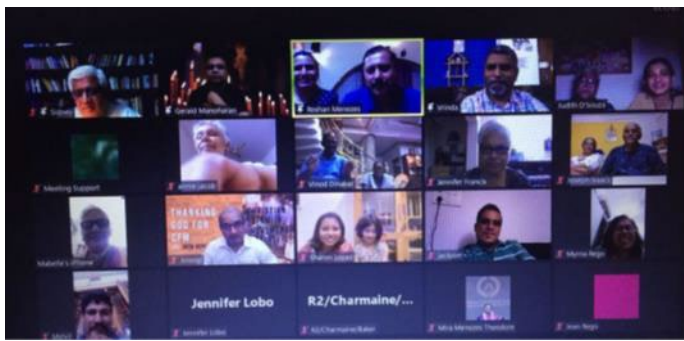
An online survey was formulated in 2021 by the OB (Office Bearers) team to understand the physical, emotional and wellbeing of members. Most members expressed that they would like to be associated with the CFM Outreach Programmes.

The members were asked to specify which programmes they enjoyed the most and to list to which outreach programmes they would be willing to lend their time and talents.

The following programmes were conducted during 2021-2022 :

### 1. Special Intercessory Prayer :

A Special Intercessory Prayer session was conducted by the Executive Committee members on September 25, 2021. Prayers were offered as Thanksgiving to God for all the blessings showered on the families of CFM Bangalore during the past year.



### 2. Bible Quiz

The members were invited to participate in Bible Quiz which was conducted in 2 rounds. The prelims on October 3rd 2021 were held online. The finals on October 10th 2021, was held at NBCLC, Bangalore, where the audience too participated with added enthusiasm.



### 3. Annual Advent Recollection

The CFM Bangalore Annual Advent Recollection was held on December 12, 2021 at the Catholic Club. Friar Sidney Mascarenhas was the main celebrant who offered the Sunday Mass, with a lovely homily on hope and being closely associated with the CFM. He emphasized the need to induct more families, especially the youth.

Fr. Juventius Andrade, C.Ss.R., was the animator for the Recollection. His talk on 'Joy', the theme of the day, kept the 80 plus attendees focused and inspired, with a strong message to take home. He ended his talk with a beautiful scripture-filled song 'Surprise, Surprise'. The hall was ablaze with everyone joining him in the chorus.

Since it was Friar Sidney Mascarenhas's 54th Ordination Anniversary, he was surprised



with a cake, which he happily cut before lunch.

#### 4. Regional Meet 2021

The Bangalore Regional Meet was conducted on October 10, 2021 at NBCLC, Bangalore. The day began with Holy Mass celebrated by Friar Sidney Mascarenhas, National Chaplain. The President couple presented the Annual Report of CFM Bangalore followed by Reports from Individual Group leaders.

The election of new office bearers for 2021-24 was conducted. The following are the New Office Bearers for the period 2021-2024.

President Couple : Nirmal & Vrinda Raj – Group 10

Vice President Couple : Joseph Issac & Philomena Issac – Group 8

Secretary Couple : Lunita D'Sa Pais & Bouvier Pais – Group 1

Treasurer : Rajani Pereira & Anju John – Group 4

#### 5. Brain Storming Session to explore the Vision / Mission of CFM:

The Executive Committee along with some former presidents of CFM Bangalore gathered together to Brain Storm the Vision and Mission of CFM Bangalore. With the aim as how to make this movement vibrant so that there is a positive impact in Christian families.

The following were the Topics for Exploration:

- Who We Are? (with regard to CFM)
- The 6 Goals of CFM.
- Mission of CFM.
- Vision of CFM.

The session started with praise and worship lead by Rajani Pereira. Friar Sidney Mascarenhas O.F.M., addressed the members and encouraged them to come with answers to the queries during the brain storm session.

#### Regional News - CFM Mumbai:

The present strength of CFM Mumbai is 17 members. There are two groups and each group has a Chaplain to guide them.

The following activities were conducted during 2021-2022:

##### 1. CFM Fun Day

To beat the blues away, CFM Mumbai organised an online “Fun Day” on Sunday, 30th May, 2021. It began with a game of Housie, followed by “Treasure Hunt” with a twist that tickled the brain cells and had everyone scrambling to decipher the riddles and search for the objects in their respective homes. This recreational activity, which went on for almost 3 hours was a “stress-buster” for all members. It ended with a sing-song quiz session prepared by a member. The prizes for the activities were special hand-painted Tote bags and T-light candles, which were personally delivered to each winner later.



## 2. CFM Mumbai Family Day

The CFM Family Day was celebrated online on Sunday, 15th August 2021. The theme was a combination of The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady and Independence Day.

The programme began with a prayer and Hymn to Our Lady. Followed by, a series of fun activities. "National Figure Dress Up Round with Guessing" had the members dressed up as or wore symbols of some National figure, and everyone guessed who they were, like Jawaharlal Nehru, PV Sindhu, Neeraj Chopra, etc.

Then there were Brain Teasers, a National Trivia Quiz, and a Sing Song with a Twist. The programme ended with a prayer and a Vote of Thanks.

## 3. Bible classes

The Bible classes were conducted regularly, preceding our monthly meetings. All through the lockdown it was held via Zoom for the CFM and also extended to others.

## 4. Preparing a Christmas Carols Video

A video featuring the "Symbols of Christmas": The wreath, Santa, the angels, gifts, candles and a host of other Christmas ornaments were explained and the Spirit of Christmas was brought about through relevant Carols.

This video of Carol singing sessions was recorded and released on 23rd Dec. 2021.

## 5. Valentine's Day Celebrations

Valentine's Day was celebrated amongst the CFMers, families and friends on 12th Feb 2022. It was a fun filled evening with lots of games, prizes and dancing.



## 6. World Marriage Day

World Marriage Day was celebrated with an online mass. Only CFM and Family Cell members were invited to participate along with 3 couples, one who were recently married with a little baby, one couple married for 17 years and a golden couple married for over 50 years.

The invitees gave their testimonies and shared how communication is the key to a healthy marriage, keeping their work stress outside the door, still keeping in touch with the married children and the importance of family prayers for a healthy family life.

## 7. Lenten session

An online Stations of the Cross was conducted for all CFM members on 6th March 2022.

## 8. New President and Vice President Elected.

The following members were elected and assumed office from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

May and Harold D'Souza - CFM Mumbai Regional President Couple.

Christabel and Herman D'Souza - CFM Mumbai Regional Vice President Couple.

### Regional News - CFM Goa.

The present strength of CFM Goa is 44 families across 5 groups. All the groups have Chaplains to guide the groups.

The following activities were conducted during 2021-2022 :

### 1. Sweet Dish preparation

On the feast of Assumption of Our Lady, 15<sup>th</sup> August, the Mercedes unit of CFM organised a sweet dish preparation using coconut and jaggery as the main ingredient. The recipes and all that goes to prepare the sweet was shared via Google Meet.



## 2. Food Donation

In September, CFM members distributed groceries and food items to 23 needy families of Mercedes.



## 3. Contribution to flood victims

In September, the Mercedes unit packed 2 boxes of clothes, utensils, house hold and other utility items which were handed over to the flood affected people of Valpoi and Sattari areas. Cash contribution was also given.





#### 4. Session with the Deacons

Remedios and Ninfa da Silva (CFM Goa – Taleigao) had a session with the Deacons at the Pastoral Institute on the topic “Family Witness”. Their daughter Noemia also shared her thoughts and expectations with the Deacons.



#### 5. Marriage Preparation Program

Remedios and Ninfa da Silva (CFM Goa – Taleigao) shared personal challenges and crises faced in marriage with newly engaged couples as part of the marriage preparation program at Candolim, Goa.

#### 6. Goa Diocesan Synodal Process

As part of the consultation team of the Goa Diocesan Synodal Process, Ninfa da Silva gave a presentation to the Parish Moderators and Secretaries of Goa Diocese Parish Pastoral Councils at St. Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre, Old Goa.

#### 7. Session on Financial Investments

Marcel Fernandes, CFM Goa - Porvorim unit, used his expertise to share information on financial investments with all Goa CFMers. He gave a detailed presentation with examples and made such a complex subject simple and easy to understand. It was well appreciated by all members. This was the first of the series of sessions planned by Marcel.

#### 8. Thanksgiving prayer service

In December, the Porvorim unit of CFM Goa met online for a Thanksgiving prayer service, thanking God for all the blessings during the year.

#### 9. Outreach at Divya Sadan

On 16th November, the Porvorim unit of CFM Goa organised an outreach programme at Divya Sadan. Divya Sadan is a Caritas Project, which is a community of people living together as a family alongside adults with different levels of abilities. The programme started with a short prayer followed by short introduction of CFM.

Entertainment was provided in the form of lively action songs and games were organised. Tasty snacks and juice were served.

The CFM members were shown the kitchen garden and the workshop and products made in-house, candles, door mats, jam and pickles.



## 10. Memorial Services

1. On 29th August 2021, a Memorial Service was organised for all Goa CFMers to celebrate the life of Gordon Rosario, via Google meet. Gordon was an active CFM member and the Regional Secretary/Treasurer when he passed away due to Covid.

2. On 6th January 22, Goa lost a dear CFMer, Mr. Tiago D'Souza. A memorial service was organized online on the 16th of January conducted by Christine and Marcel Fernandes of the Porvorim group to celebrate the life of Tiago.

## 11. Representing CFM in Church activities with other associations in Goa.

On 21st January 2022, Gorette/Nixon Fernandes, Ninfa/Remedios da Silva and Annelise/Mollet de Sa attended a meeting organized by the Diocesan Family Service Center along with other Family associations to discuss and plan the program for "World Meeting of Families" to be held from 22nd - 26th of June 2022.

Rosary with special intentions for families/SSC's/Church as a spiritual preparation, and seven sessions on Family Catechesis are to be prepared by CFM which will be held at various Deaneries.

On 23rd January 2022, Annelise and Mollet attended the meeting of all Church Associations, organised by Diocesan Centre for Lay Apostolate to discuss how the Movements can reach out to families. It was decided to meet once again for an overnight session.

Sandra/Albano Diniz and Annelise/Mollet de Sa represented CFM at the overnight meeting on 26th and 27th February. There was a brain storming session to discuss about how Lay Associations can collaborate with each other and reach out to troubled families. Various sessions are planned to be held in Parishes where CFM Goa members will volunteer their services.

## **CFM SRI LANKA REPORT** **1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

### **40<sup>th</sup> ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY**

**Rev. Fr. Sunil Kumara Peiris has celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021. CFMers were invited to join with him to praise the Lord for all the blessings in his priesthood.**



### **WEB PAGE - CFM SRI LANKA**



We are happy to announce that we were able to launch our website [www.cfmsrilanka.org](http://www.cfmsrilanka.org) on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021. It will give the opportunity to get more information about CFM/CFSM/FMC/FMCC around the globe.

## **COUNSELING CERTIFICATE COURSE – 2021**



The first counseling course conducted by the Christian Family Movement for its twenty-three members was conducted by the Rev. Fr. Chrishantha Jayalath OMI.

Through this, the members of the Christian Family Movement will be able to provide counseling to fellow believers more successfully as mediators in their personal and family issues.



Despite the epidemic situation, the course was completed, and the distribution of certificates was held at the St.Mary's Church premises in Bandarawatta, Seeduwa on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

## **BID FAREWELL AND WELCOME TO CHAPLAINS**

We have organized a bid farewell and warm welcome to our chaplains on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Rev.Fr.Sunil Kumara Peiris is a priest who loves the CFM and its concept. He took the initiative to start CFM cells in Panadura, Weligampitiya and Thewatte parishes as the parish priest and in Katunayake and Adiambalama parishes as the chaplain. During Fr.Sunil's tenure (2016-2021), CFM Sri Lanka celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2017 and was able to host the 11th Continental Asia Conference of CFM/CFSM in 2019. Rev.Fr.Sunil has tried and implemented some strategies to develop the relationship between other dioceses and the interconnection between cells in the archdiocese in Colombo.

We as CFMers of CFM Sri Lanka would really appreciate his commitment to CFM.

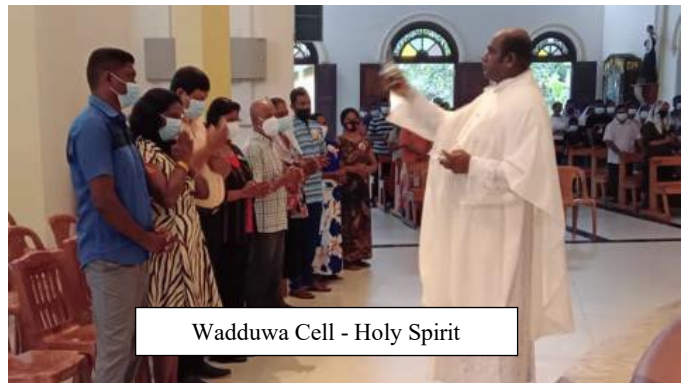


**Handing over the CFM flag to the New Chaplain**

Rev. Fr. Prakash Fernando has been appointed as the new Chaplain of CFM Colombo. He is qualified in Family Counseling and is currently the coordinator for the Tamil section in Family Apostle of Colombo. We hope Fr.Prakash will bring the CFM Sri Lanka to a new level and expand its services toward serving fellow believers.

**BOOK LAUNCHED**

CFM Sri Lanka has translated the new introductory book “WE ARE THE FAMILY OF GOD - Book One” with the guidance of Rev.Fr.Sunil Kumara Peiris and a committee. The book was launched at the same event and handed over the first book to the new chaplain Rev. Fr. Prakash Fernando symbolising the strive of CFM Sri Lanka to a new path.



**MONTHLY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASSES**

Organizing monthly wedding anniversary masses followed by fellowship and sharing of experiences in their married life by the couples.



Most CFM cells are organizing this in their respective parishes.

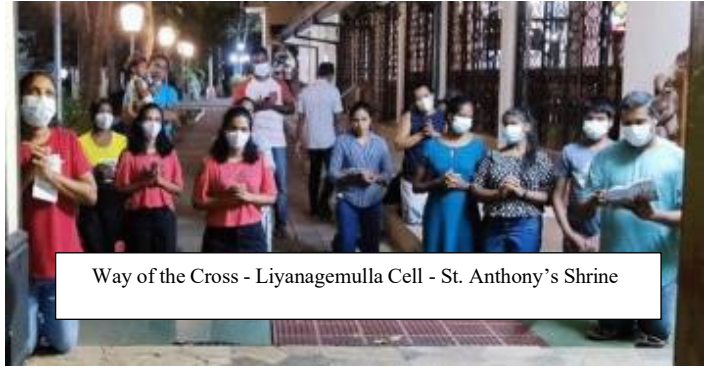
**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - 2021**

CFMers have organized Christmas gatherings to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. They sang carols and shared gifts to remember Christmas.





the cross-service programs, Prayer Services in BCC levels and Night Vigil Service.



Way of the Cross - Liyanagemulla Cell - St. Anthony's Shrine

**LENTEN PROGRAMS – 2022**



Way of the Cross - Palangathure Cell - St. Anne's

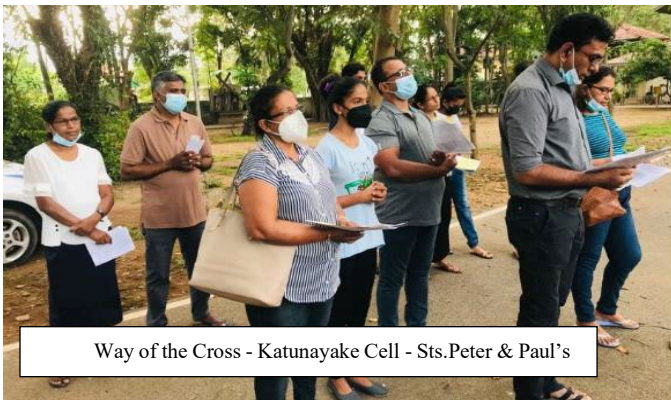


Night Vigil Service - Weligampitiya Cell - St. Anne's

Many of the CFMers have organized Lenten programs for inward cleansing and purification. These were for oneself, family and families in the parish. There was Way of



Night Vigil Service - Weligampitiya Cell - St. Anne's



Way of the Cross - Katunayake Cell - Sts. Peter & Paul's



Prayer Service in BCC Level - Wadduwa Cell - Holy Spirit



**CELL VISITS WITH NEW CHAPLAIN**

Since all plans were held due to the covid pandemic EXCO has decided to start the cell visits with the new chaplain Rev. Fr. Prakash Fernando.



As a result, the first visit was to Walanagoda Cell on 6th March 2022. As the initiative was taken by the Rev. Fr. Sunil Kumara Peiris the former chaplain of CFM (2016 – 2021) with the assistance of CFM Colombo Diocese senior couple Anton & Margaret Fernandopulle, the cell was established in 2019 accompanied by the proposal of Rev Fr. Ruwan Reid Liyanage, the parish priest of Andiambalama with the abundant blessing of Almighty GOD. Walanagoda is a substation of Andiambalama parish with only twenty-four catholic families and seven families who obtained the membership and are committed to serving the betterment of

God’s vineyard. We were grateful to hear the history that they were able to build the church and maintain it as their most pressures thing in their life and the obstacles which they had to overcome.



On the same day evening, we were warmly welcomed by Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Welivita and fellow members of the CFM Katunayake cell. According to God’s plan, the cell was established in 2018 accompanied by the proposal of Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Welivita, the parish priest of Katunayake. Another initiative was taken by the Rev. Fr. Sunil Kumara Peiris the former chaplain of CFM (2016 – 2021) with the assistance of CFM Colombo Diocese senior couple Anton & Margaret Fernandopulle. The cell members of five families continue their services for the parish which was highly appreciated by the Katunayake parish priest Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita.



CFMers of Koralawella cell with the guidance of the parish priest Rev. Fr. Sachitha Jayalath has organized the visit on 30th April 2022. It was an eyewitness for us to see the way they organized the monthly wedding anniversary mass and the fellowship. This cell was established in 1978 by Rev. Fr. Joseph Perera (former chaplain 1978-1985) and continued over 43 years of their services to the parish and the archdiocese of Colombo. They have ten families in the cell and a few prospects to join. Since it is very important to offer the family-related spiritual services of CFM, Rev. Fr. Prakash has invited them to expand the CFM services to other parishes within the Moratuwa deanery and the Colombo region.

In the year 2000, the CFM Thewatte cell was established by Rev. Fr. Sunil Kumara Peiris (the former chaplain of CFM - 2016 – 2021) with the assistance of CFM senior couples Dixon + Irangani and Hillary + Natalie.

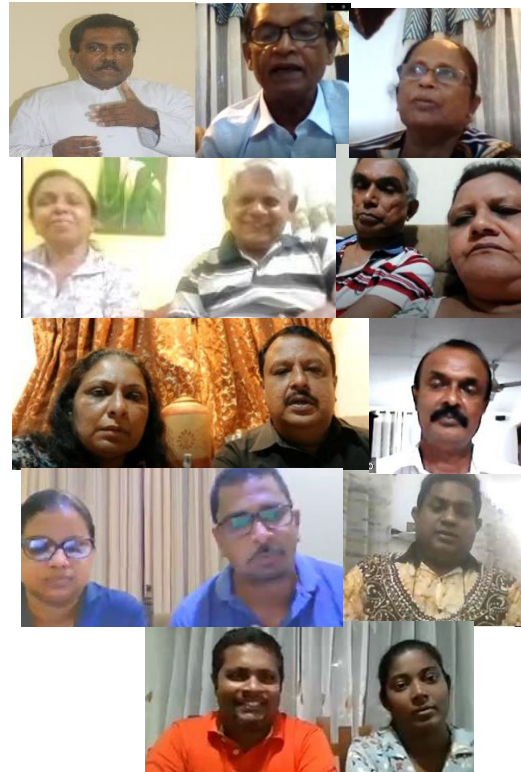


They have 6 couples on the first team. They have formed the second team with 15 young couples, setting an example for the CFM. After the Holy mass, Rev. Fr. Sriyananda Fernando and Rev. Fr. Vikum Antan Kumara have appreciated the two teams' support towards the parish. They promised to provide the necessary support for the future projects of CFM.

## CFM KSR – KNOWLEDGE SHARING ROOM

CFM KNOWLEDGE SHARING ROOM (CFM KSR) is a new program to give opportunities to fellow members to show their presenting talents, groom their knowledge and build their personalities.

Therefore, this is limited only to the members. This occurs every Wednesday evening by using the zoom technology. As shown in the images, we have organized 11 sessions. Rev. Fr. Prakash Fernando is the mentor and shares his view at the end of each session.



## CFM PHILIPPINES

### ULIRANG PAMILYA NG CFM 2021 (a 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special)



CFM Philippines launched for the very first-time, a recognition of CFM families who have dedicated their lives in serving the Lord through service in the church and communities. With this, the “*Ulirang Pamilya ng CFM*” Awarding Ceremony was realized as a special part of the celebration of the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CFM Philippines.

The objective is to recognize and honor one (1) CFM family in every CFM area (from different parts of the country) who exemplifies CFM values. The family must possess the qualities of good stewardship to inspire other CFM families and soon to be CFMers.

Area Leaders convene to discern their respective Parish, Diocese and Area nominees. They were given criteria and indicator take aways from *Amoris Laetitia*. They are as follows:

- Life of prayer (AL, 28, 288)
- Life of service (AL, 127-129)
- Life of giving (AL, 196)
- Life of virtues (AL, 5, 136, 276)

Basically, the nominee families exemplifying the above are selflessly working towards

blessing other families in various ways they could (spiritual and material). The chosen family manifests the CFM SOS spirit of sharing time, talent and treasure within the period of 2019 to 2021. The momentous ceremony which was held virtually, on September 11, 2021, was well attended by CFMers.

Each Area shared an article about the awardee family. A 5-minute exciting video showcases why the family is deserving to be the *Ulirang Pamilya*. CFM is truly blessed with the nine (9) awardee families:

NORTH AREA	LUZON	Macaraeg Family
Holy Family (Tandoc) Parish, Pangasinan Diocese		Couple Larry & Jennifer Children Vincent Jude, Jovannie



Spouses Virgilio and Jennifer Macaraeg are very active in parish activities. They are coordinator of Family Life Pre-cana seminars while their 2 sons are devoted altar servers.

Known to be a prayerful family. Bro. Virgilio works as a public school teacher in their hometown. With this noble profession, he is an instrument of God in educating his pupils



by sharing his knowledge in academics and help instilling Christian values to children.

<b>CENTRAL LUZON AREA</b>	<b>Espiritu Family</b>
St. Jude Thaddeus Parish, San Fernando Pampanga Diocese	Couple Amor & Violeta Children Marc Anthony, Cherry Amor, Chiqui Anne, Christine Avon



This couple has initiated various prayer brigades such as for the sick, the elderly and the dying. Their parish is blessed to have them, leading and encouraging their group in prayer: the Liturgy of the Hour, Lectio Divina, Centering Prayer and the BFAST(Bible for Faith Action Sharing Team). Indeed, performing as a missionary disciple of Christ-evangelizing other families and communities.

The spouses' generosity is very much felt as they used to be a regular donor in the community pantry, aside from allowing the use of their building as the venue of their apostolate programs; donor for the CFM and CWL outreach - feeding programs and other activities.



<b>EASTERN LUZON AREA</b>	<b>Villegas Family</b>
St. Joseph Parish, San Jose, Nueva Ecija Diocese	Couple Jimmy & Rosie Children Zynette Rose Ganelie, Godwin Jay Emmanuel & Francess Lyzette

The Villegas family was appointed as Coordinator of one of the CFM flagship program which is the Tipanan ng Mag-asawa Seminar.

Rosie passionately serves as a catechist in their area. On the other hand, Bro. Jimmy, is a role model husband and a father to their children.

<b>WESTERN VISAYAS AREA</b>	<b>Gatuslao Family</b>
Immaculate Conception Parish, San Jose, Bacolod Diocese	Couple Dymar & Maribel Children DymarDaine, KlaudyiaDorothee, YmilleDaenia, DhannRobusco & DynielleLouizze



They find God in the most beautiful space where we all begin our spiritual journey - the family! The children, all five of them, have been raised in a dynamic and vibrant relationship with the Lord through a life grounded in a spirituality of stewardship.

Theirs is a family that is service-oriented; one that takes into heart the importance of a communion between the clergy and the laity.



<b>NORTHERN MINDANAO AREA</b>	<b>Jaculan Family</b>
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Cagayan de Oro Diocese	Couple Andy & Jeanette Children Annadale Jahneen, Alyssa Julianne, Andrei Jedrick, Ayisha Jeandy & Azneah Jeianne



<b>EASTERN VISAYAS AREA</b>	<b>Pacana Family</b>
Lourdes Parish, San Jose, Cebu Diocese	Couple Arsenio & Eulalia Children Peter & Bernadette

The Pacana family joined CFM in 1978 counting to 43 years in CFM. The couple is a parish unit coordinator. Involved in Lourdes Parish pre-cana lectures and the renewal of marriage vows.

Arsenio is an active Lay minister and co-anchor on PREXXIOUS MOMENTS, a radio program of DYRF. Eulalia is a member of Legion of Mary, Cursillos in Christianity and Parish Renewal Experience (PREX). Their children are active in church activities.



The Jaculan family have been very enthusiastic members of the CFM for almost 4 years now having completed Tipanan sessions. Although residing in Medina, Misamis Oriental, a good 2-hour trip to Cagayan de Oro where various CFM activities and fellowships are held.

What binds the family even more is their consistency in their prayer life, the family Rosary being a daily habit as well as the strict



## Prayer of Consecration to the Virgin of Guadalupe

Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, Mother of the true God by whom we live. In these moments, like Juan Diego, feeling “small” and fragile in the face of illness and pain, we raise our prayers and consecrate ourselves to you.

We consecrate our peoples to you, especially to your most vulnerable children: the elderly, children, the sick, indigenous people, migrants, the homeless, those deprived of their liberty. We turn to your immaculate Heart and implore your intercession: obtain for us from your Son health and hope.

May our fear turn into joy; may your Son Jesus be for us strength and serenity in the midst of the storm; May our Lord raise his mighty hand and stop the advance of this pandemic.

Blessed Virgin Mary, "Mother of God and Mother of Latin America and the Caribbean, of North America, of Europe, of Asia, of Africa and Oceania, Star of renewed evangelization, first disciple and great missionary of our peoples", be the strength of the dying and consolation of those who mourn them; be a maternal caress that comforts the sick; be the company of the health professionals who take care of them; and for all of us, Mother, be presence and Be presence and tenderness in whose arms we all find safety.

From your hand, let us remain firm and unshakable in Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

