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Attendance of called members:



Continental Presidents of Europe, Robert and María del Carmen Kimball;

National Presidents of:

1) Sweden, Ana María Silva and Sergio Trincado;

- 2) Spain, Jose Pajares and Encarnita Villén;
- 3) Portugal, Antonio and María Moniz;
- 4) Czech Republic, Jiri Ludvik and Ludmila Ludvikova.

Member countries convened that did not attend: 5) Croatia, 6) Hungary, 7) Italy, 8) Malta

Additional guests to the congress:

Presidents of the ICCFM Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo; Chaplain of the ICCFM Father Saúl Ragoitia Vega; Vice-presidents of the ICCFM, Sergio and Dora Treviño; Marriage Former Presidents of the ICCFM and advisor to the ICCFM Noppadon and Elma Muangkroot; Revdo. Fr. Don Joseph Alexander de Leon, Fabio Locatelli and Rossana di Fede, of Italy (guests) will seek to join; members of the CFM-Stockholm, among other guests.

Objetive: Promote communion and teamwork by reflecting on the reality of the family in Europe, for in coresponsibility and unity, to look for new ways for the evangelization of families through the MFC's, members of the ICCFM.

The methodology of the Congress was to See, Judge and Act.

SEE: Speaker: Cardinal Anders Arborelius, Bishop of Stockholm, Sweden, presented the situation, of the great difficulties experienced by many marriages and families in the European context: de facto unions, separate marriages, divorced and remarried marriages, concrete situation of many European families that want practice theirs faith in the home and transmit it their your children, etc.

Cardinal Arborelius during the welcome





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JUDGE: He presented Pbro. Lic. Saúl Ragoitia Vega, International Chaplain ICCFM It was the deepening in the analysis and proposals offered by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" regarding the great challenges faced by marriages and families today and the involvement of the Christian Family Movements, to be effective in the evangelizing mission.

ACT: First speakers: Robert and María Carmen Kimball, European presidents, Proposal of practical solutions to the serious obstacles posed by an increasingly secularized, materialistic and relativist society that drives many young people and couples to abandon faith in Jesus Christ and the Church. Highlight the role of the Christian Family Movements and its

members to find effective responses to these situations, promoting Christian values and evangelizing European society. Second speakers: Rosalinda and Jorge Carrillo, world presidents: Formation itineraries its methodology and pedagogy.

Some considerations during the congress:

A. The importance of the consolidation of the CFM's, members of the ICCFM as a unit, with a common objective was highlighted; the promotion of human and Christian values, which impact on European society.

B. In the subject of formation the importance of the leadership of the



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national presidents was discussed, and the integration of a marriage team that helps the work of the presidency, and allows to prepare future leaders,

C. The lines of action presented at the World Assembly of San Antonio Texas in July 2016 were presented, in order to work in unity.

D. The project and actions of the Asia Continental team and the World Presidency team were presented, to support the founding of the MFC in Vietnam.



Ana María and Sergio Trincado, Presidents of the MEC-MFC in Sweden and HOSTS of the Congress

E. The Continental Presidents and the International President team expressed the importance of the assistance by the National Presidents and other members, recalling that the Christian Family Movements are training schools for new Christian leaders.

The final proposals include:

- ✓ Convenience to hold informal meeting, of the national presidents every year.
- ✓ In the Czech Republic, they divided the efforts into two lines, one focused on families and the second focused on political participation in family matters, the same happen in Spain.
- Comments and additional questions can be sent to the Continental Presidents by email.
- ✓ It is proposed that the following European General Assembly be held at the next XIV World Assembly of Families of the ICCFM
- ✓ The International Presidents propose that at the Continental level a Continental Vice President should also be elected from among the Presidents of the countries working with the presidents, in a way that at the end of the period they would be the Presidents.



Robert and
María del
Carmen Kimball,
Continental
Presidents of
Europe



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Jiri Ludvik and Ludmila Ludvikova, National Presidents of the CFM of the Czech Republic



Saúl Ragoitia; Vice-presidents **Presidents Jorge and Rosalinda**



Chaplain of the ICCFM Father Sergio and Dora Treviño ICCFM &





Marriage Ex-President ICCFM and Adviser Nop and Elma Muangkroot





María and Antonio **Moniz, MFC Presidents** in Portugal



Miembers of MEC-MFC-Stockholm

Fabio Locatelli, Revdo. Fr. Don Joseph Alexander de Leon, and Rossana di Fede,





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Message received from Cardinal Kevin Farrel of the Dicastery for the Laity in the Vatican on the occasion of the VIII European Congress and readed by Cardinal Arborelius.

English Translation of the
Message from Cardinal Kevin Farrell,
Prefect for the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life
to the VIII Family Congress of the
International Confederation of Christian Family Movements (ICCFM)
Stockholm, Sweden, from 11th to 13th August, 2017

To His Eminence, Card. Anders Arborelius, Archbishop of Stockholm, Sweden

To Mr. and Mrs. Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo, ICCFM World Presidents

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert and María Carmen Kimball, ICCFM Europe Continental Presidents

Dear friends.

I have received with joy the news about the VIII Family Congress of the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements (ICCFM), which has been organized with the Christian Family Movement in Sweden and is being held at the "Marielund" Retreat House.

Undoubtedly, the joy of love is the key message that should be conveyed through the family pastoral ministry. This is the new message that that the Christian Family Movement (C.F.M.) can make a reality thanks to the numerous and diverse activities that it has contributed to the family pastoral ministry over many decades.

During their meetings, C.F.M. members apply the message of the post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" to their lives. It is a rich and comprehensive document that will serve as a guide for future family pastoral actions and help families to live the joy of love.

Love is a magnet which attracts everyone, especially new generations who find the meaning of their lives in their mutual love.

The Christian Family Movement is a valuable tool for this important task. Through its carefully planned, weekly or fortnightly, activities, C.F.M. provides valuable services to married couples and families at all different stages of life. The pope encourages us to prepare engaged couples for marriage and to care for the needs of married couples after the wedding ceremony in a special and renewed way. The stability of family life and the prevention of serious family crises that do terrible harm to family members can be achieved thanks to this pastoral action. Faith formation, therefore, is essential for those who strive to



become new family pastoral ministers. I encourage you to continue with this fruitful formation in serving families.

In this sense, you are called upon, like other Church movements, to form and offer support to future generations of laity, married couples, and engaged couples in a renewed pastoral ministry that is focused on the specific needs of all family members. With your experience and skills you (C.F.M.) provide a vital service to the Church and society.

Thank you for your devotion, commitment, and faithfulness in promoting the Gospel of the family, which is "joy for the world". This is the theme of the next World Encounter of Families with the pope in Dublin. I look forward to seeing many of you at this important event for families around the world.

See you in Dublin!

Cardinal Kevin Farrell,
Prefect
Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life



Report of the ICCFM North American Continental Presidents Team, at the XVII National Convention of the MFCC-USA.



July 14th, 15th and 16th – 2017



"United Families Sharing the Love and Mercy of God, in the city of Las Palmas"

McAllen-TX, Conventions Centre



Loly and Tony Layton, MFCC-USA President couple, at the time of start of the Assembly, they welcomed the entire assembly, together with their Spiritual Advisor, Father Oscar Siordia.

The agenda was developed addressing issues that are very important for families in the United States.

All the themes according to the objectives of the Christian Family Movement attending an integral formation of human, Christian and community values.

conjugal Spiritual and Sanctity topics. And many other topics related to the family.



The National Convention began with the Eucharistic celebration, followed by a parade of all the Regional Delegations, Leaders, MFCC-USA Ex-Presidents, Continental Presidents and special guests, attending the

Assembly.





Visit to the CFM in Toledo, Spain of the Presidents of the ICCFM

16th to 20th of August of 2017

Objetivos / Objectives

1.- Introduce the families of the CFM-Toledo. the ICCFM **ICCFM** 2.- Promote their participation in the continental and world Assemblies 3.- Encourage them to continue looking strategies for new to continue strengthening with their testimony and spirituality of communion with the Diocese and Parish the evangelization of young families for generational replacement.

Participants for the CFM in Toledo, Spain: Miguel Angel and Eva María Diocesan presidents of the CFM in Toledo and Pbro. Don Pablo Delclaux de Muller, diocesan assistant of the CFM.

Participation live on air, interview, Radio Maria. And recording for comments on the local TV of the Diocese of Toledo.





Interview by Toledo diocesan radiotelevision commentator for deferred news program.

The questions were about:

- ✓ The CFM in the world
- ✓ Expectations of the "8th European Congress of the ICCFM"
- ✓ Expectations of the CFM in Toledo
- ✓ The Family in the world



ICCFM president couple were hosted at Miguel Angel and Eva María's home, as well as their daughters. They lived one of the six basic training requirements "HOSPITALITY!

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Meeting with the priests Don Emilio Palomo Guio, Episcopal Vicar and D. Miguel Garrigós Domínguez, Diocesan Delegate of Family and Life; they received congratulation for the attention to single Mothers and also a complete set of the basic training itinerary material for "Responsible Mothers"



Interview of the Tribuna de Toledo newspaper by Reporter:Adolfo Domínguez.

Some topics discussed:

- ✓ Supports provided by the CFM to families
- ✓ Talking about the formation itineraries so necessary today
- ✓ Itineraries to support nuclear and single-parent families
- ✓ Applied differentiated training to families





Fraternal coexistence with the Spain CFM national Past President couple Ramón Bernacer Roig and the María María Rubio and Diocesan Rosa President Miguel Angel. Thev participated in the Eucharistic Celebration with Fr. Don Pedro Carpintero O. in Santa Teresa parish.



ICCFM Presentation, its Being, its Life and its Action

- 1. Constitution and Bylaws
- 2. Membership
- 3. Activities
- 4. International Structure
- 5. Comunication.

Presentation of Evangelical Solidarity project at light of the Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia"

Participation in Eucharistic Celebration in St. Benedict Abbot Parish in Yepes.



Meeting of the Continental President Team of North America with the International President team of the ICCFM in Los Angeles California

July 2017



Attendees: North America Continental President Team: Juanita and Wilbur Hooker and Continental Chaplain Fr. Nelson Trinidad. ICCFM International President team: Rosalinda and Jorge Carrillo and Chaplain Fr. Saúl Ragoitia.

Promote the work in Communion of the ICCFM between the International Team, the North America Continental team and the CFM'S National Presidents in the United States to advance in the achievement of the objectives of the Confederation and to respond to the call of the bishops of this country. On the occasion of the National Congress of Laity.

It was commented on the Congress of Catholic Leaders held in Orlando Florida with the participation of almost 3000 lay people. 300 priests and 100 religious and 150 bishops.

The meeting began with adoration and reflection facing the Blessed Sacrament and thanking the attendees for their disposition.

The North America Continental President team presented the plan to carry out a "2017 Continental Meeting" in order to meet before the relay of the MFCC-USA and MFC-LA President couples.

The NA Continental Team reports that they attended the CFM USA, MFC-LA and MFCC-USA congresses and that they will help to extend the CFM where it does not exist and that they will define a work agenda for the next 2 years.

The International President Team reminded documenting social work in favor of families to inform ECOSOC of the UN and the Vatican.

Visit to the CFM in Burgos, Spain by the Presidents of the ICCFM.



8th and 9th of August of 2017



Objectives:

- 1.- Present the ICCFM , congratulate the candidates for the National Presidency and
- 2.- To congratulate them for the participation of one of their members as candidates for the national presidency and to promote strategies for the CFM growth

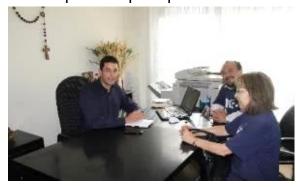


María Dolores & Martín Grima, candidates to the National President Couple for 2017-2020.

Meeting with MFC membership in Burgos.

the Diocesan President couple Luís Lorenzo and Ana María Núñez and the Counselor Don Javier Rodriguez, presented in video projector who they are and the services that are carried out in Burgos as an action by the families of the CFM.

There were several interviews, one of these interviews was by telephone from the national radio network, COPE of the Spanish Episcopal Conference.



After was an interview with the spokesperson of "Sembrar" magazine, Fr. Don Álvaro Tajadura, from Burgos Diocese.

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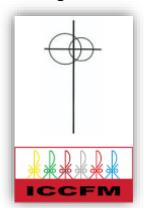
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Then , a radio interview was conducted in a telephonic way, at the Madrid airport, by the local newspaper of Burgos "Diario de Burgos".

A cultural and fraternal convivial journey was made to the Cathedral of Burgos, directed by Fr. Don Javier Rodriguez.



The presentation of the logo importance was presented as an international level, in order to have an international identity in the ICCFM, where the country logo is over the ICCFM logo.



As part of the presentation of the ICCFM, was about its Being, its Life & its Action and the Evangelical Solidarity project.

Participation of the presidency of the ICCFM in the "XII Summer Meeting of Families" in Fatima, Portugal celebrated by the Archdiocese of Toledo, Spain.

21th to 26 th of August 2017

Within the framework of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, in thanksgiving for her accompaniment.

Objetive: Confirm the Consecration of families of the ICCFM to Our Lady of Fatima, in thanksgiving for her accompaniment to ICCFM, to promote the joy of being Church, through the

the pilgrimage in communion with some Families of different family movements and life movements of the Diocese of Toledo to witness the joy of being a family, the Domestic Church.

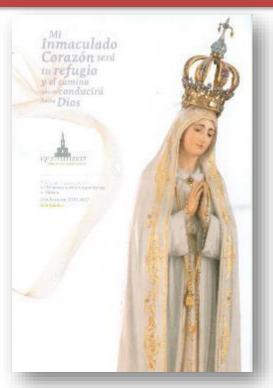
Formation topics:

- 1) Revelation and private revelations
- 2) The educational emergency



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- 3) The experience of faith in children in the light of saints Francisco and Jacinta
- 4) Aspects of affective-sexual education
- 5) Virgin Maria and the conversion
- 6) The embrace of Pope Francisco and separated women.

Work done by laity and hierarchy. They had films and video forum, all about the Miracle of Fatima.



This meeting is for the whole family, when they arrive in Fatima they are divided into groups, to give differentiated training topics and attention:

- Boys and girls 1° y 2° primary school
- Boys and gris from 3° onwards primary
- Teens and Young people
- Parents



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Children groups

During the meeting, every day the rosary is prayed as a family and the rosary of torches with the community.



Moments during the video projection and forum



Pryaing in some places where the Virgin apparead.

Ratification of our consecreation to the Virgin of Fatima.





Parying for the IICFM families, especially for its health, and Special for its pshisical and spiritual necesities; for ours sons, grandsons, and parents.

In this year of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, we were grateful for her interventions with our God in favor of the world and the family.

Visit to the house of San Jacinta and Francisco. Also to Lucia's

Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo ICCFM International Couple President





Missionary visit to the Oblate Sisters of the Pro-Sanctity Movement by Vice Presidency in Riga, Latvia.

August of 2017



Fr Mihjails
Volohovs
welcomed us and
directed us with
Sisters Rita Refalo
and Liliane Bernard
of Pro Sanctity.

They were introduced to them, the Evangelical Solidarity Project (PSE) that the ICCFM is offering, with structure and materials currently in English and Spanish: for sacramental Couples; teenagers; single mothers; formation in love, young people. They also showed us the activities that they carry out such as the Pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Anglona.

Sister Liliane arranged a 30-minute meeting with Archbishop Zbignevs Stankevics of Riga, Latviathat, he accepted to receive us with courtesy.

Was explained to him, what the ICCFM is doing in the world, as well as the different training materials that are being offered and he was left with a triptych of the Evangelical Solidarity Project for Marriages.

Archbishop Zbignevs commented that Sister Lilian would see the possibility of using the



Formtaion materials and she would be the contact wth him.

A prayer in front of the image of Our Lady of Anglona and gave us his Blessing the meeting finilized.

The sisters coordinated the visit to the House of the Holy Family and a meeting with the leaders Mrs. Inés Švekle, Mrs. Dainis Stikuts and Mr. Dzintra Bušmane. Also they show the exhibition they have in the house.



Were presented the Project of Evangelical Solidarity structure and materials and deliver a set of books in English of the formation for Marriages was left. They was very interested in the material for immediate





"XXVIII Latin American General Assembly" (XXVIII AGLA) Developed in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

3th to 5th of November of 2017

The XXVIII General Assembly of Latin America (AGLA) was held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

The main activities were:

- ✓ Report of the outgoing Latin American Presidents (PRELA) 2013-2017, Activities and membership.
- ✓ Presentation of the candidates for the Continental Presidency
- ✓ Voting and election of new Continental Presidents (PRELA)
- ✓ Presentation and reports of the Coordinators of the 3 Zones in which the Continent is divided, and with the support of some of the Presidents of the Countries.



Ricardo & Lucia Araujo Castro, Continental Presidents of Latino America –PRELA- 2013- 2017, during the act of the installation of the XXVIII Latin American General Assembly.





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- Presentation of the President of the ICCFM Team activities performed and Mission San Jose.
- ✓ Financial Report of PRELA
- ✓ Tribute to Tere Santiago, -Coordinator of Zone II together with her husband Jorge-.
- ✓ Formation Moment
- Presentation of Procedures Manual
- Advances in the Process of Beatification of Father Pedro Richards.
- ✓ Eucharist



President team of the ICCFM, Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo and Father Saúl Ragoitia during his presentation.



Team that presented the cause of Beatification of Father Pedro Richards, who was Father Pedro Pablo and the Presidents of Argentina of the CFM.

Below the book that is being promoted from Argentina by Father Richards, with the title: "CRISTIFYING THE FAMILY"





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Presence of the 3 Zonal Coordinators and 15 National Presidents of the Christian Family Movements from the 18 member countries

The National Presidents of the countries that attended assembly were from:

- 1) Argentina
- 2) Brasil
- 3) Bolivia
- 4) Cuba
- 5) Colombia
- 6) Costa Rica
- 7) Ecuador
- 8) El Salvador
- 9) Honduras
- 10) Guatemala
- 11) Peru
- 12) Paraguay
- 13) Dominican Republic
- 14) Mexico
- 15) Venezuela







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3th to 5th of November of 2017

The process for the election of the new Continental Presidents for Latin America 2017-2021 was carried out, called: Team Presidents of the Secretariat for Latin America; the couple of Alicia and Marcos Alvarez Quiñones of Paraguay was elected by the XXVIII General Assembly of Latin America.



The Eucharistic celebration on Saturday, November 4 was presided by the Bishop of Santo Domingo, Mons. Francisco Ozoria-Acosta.



On Sunday, November 5, the Mass was presided over by the Bishop of San Juan de la Maguana, Bishop José Dolores Grullón Estrella.



During the celebration there was a special prayer and sending for the new Latin American Presidents Marco and Alicia, for the Bishops and con-celebrants.



There were also moments of sharing among the attendees as the Latin American night with music and dresses typical of the regions.



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Above: President team of the ICCFM with Mons. Grullón.

Below: with the New PRELAS Alicia and Marcos Alvarez Quiñones of Paraguay.





Recognition given by the ICCFM to the outgoing Latin American Presidents Ricardo and Lucía Araujo







"XIV World Assembly of Families" and "XVIII General Assembly of the ICCFM"

MEXICO 2019





Visit to Panama to the Past-presidents of the ICCFM: Esilda and William Cheng by the current Presidents of the ICCFM.

29th of October to 1st of November of 2017

Several were the objectives of the visit made by the Presidents of the ICCFM to the Confederation's Presidents (2007-2010) Esilda and William Cheng in Panama, on the one hand to recognize the work done at the ICCFM as well as to dialogue and exchange ideas on the participation that the ICCFM will have in the World Youth Day that will be 2019 in this country of Panama, where there will be a "Stand".



Various meetings were held, one with the CFM Archdiocesan Team of Panama City, Panama.



Were a meeting in the offices of the CFM with the Archdiocesan team and with the former presidents of the CFM in Panama, couple Melba and Humberto Moreno, 2006-2008. Was presented to them a summary of the work of the ICCFM in the period 2013 - 2017 and the mission Saint Joseph.

Also was a meeting with past members of the International team chaired by Esilda and William Cheng in their cycle. Finally a meeting with the CFM Community team of Esilda and William.





Visit to Monsignor Father Charles Vella, one of the founding Priests of the ICCFM and founder of Kana Movement in Malta

20th and 21th of August of 2017

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The visit and the purpose of the trip to Malta was to meet with Monsignor Charles Vella and give him the book of the 50th anniversary of the ICCFM (1966-2016). Father Charles gave a brief sight to the different pages, of

book, he commented about the begining of the ICCFM, about the Crowley's and the Icaza's couples that were the ICCFM founders, with whom he worked together; he made a stop at the Tributes section to see it with more detail about the Presidents and Ecclesiastical Advisors of the ICCFM, etc...

Monsignore Charles Vella, a lover of families, was founder of Kana Movement in Malta, which is a family movement. Participated in the Foundation of the ICFM; support to several Presidents of the ICCFM; was a pillar for Family Movements in Italy and EEUU, worked to



make the ICCFM a member of the UN in New York and Vienna.



received After the book. made he phone call the to former Couple of Malta Lino and Cettina, to share notice about this.

Father Charles express his worry about the current situation in the European countries in reference of how the population has declined significantly as well the Catholics and Christians and are arriving to the European Continent population of immigrants who profess another faith in a very solid way are growing rapidly.



Also commented that the birth rate of the European families and traditional Christians, is so far away from the rate of the Non-Christian families.



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Mons. Vella with much interest asked about the 8th. Congress of the Family Movements of the European Continent, for the program, which was shown to him, as well as the results of the congress where the countries committed to ACT.

He also shared the different movements with which he was in contact, some of these, where the Family Movement existed and at this moment there is no presence, such as Ireland and New Zealand.

He showed us with pride and joy the Prize awarded by the ICCFM in 2003 at Fátima: Premio Card. J. Cardijn for his career in the confederation.

We had the opportunity to see some of his many recognitions and diplomas of his ministry and career.

Then there was a meeting with a couple of former CFM presidents in Malta. Lino and Cettina Zahra and the current Spiritual Director of Kana Movement Mons. Father Charles Attard, where was shared some of the experiences of the 8th European Congress, as well as conclusions from it.

The ex-presidents talked about their experiences in Malta and other marriages they met in Italy, as well as the ICCFM as the Muangkroot.





There was a brief presentation of the PSE that the ICCFM is offering, experiences in the ICCFM in other countries, as well as the presence in the UN.



Invitation letter from the President of World Meeting Of Families 2018 to the ICCFM International Presidents to participate in the Family meeting in Dublin

December of 2017

Via Email: president@iccfm.org

Mr & Mrs Jorge & Rosalinda Carrillo ICCFM Presidents



Dear Jorge & Rosalinda,

As you may know, Pope Francis has chosen the Archdiocese of Dublin, Ireland to host the next World Meeting of Families (WMOF) to take place from 21-26 August 2018. I enclose a leaflet providing an overview of the event.

While the official announcement is expected shortly, the Holy Father has expressed his desire to be present at WMOF 2018 to lead the Festival of Families and the final Mass. These two events will be preceded by a three-day Pastoral Congress in the RDS Conference Centre, Dublin reflecting on the theme *The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World*, with a particular focus on the post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*.

Together with Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, I have pleasure in inviting you to be members of one of the panel discussions on the morning of Wednesday 22 August. The theme of the panel is 'Handing on the faith in the home today'. The role of each panel member is, at the invitation of the moderator, to give a short commentary on the theme (max. 5 mins.) at the beginning on the panel discussion, based on your background or professional experience. A general discussion will then take place between all panel members. The panel will take place in one of the halls of the RDS. Simultaneous translations may be provided.

As members of a panel we will gladly cover the costs of your economy class flights to Dublin and arrange accommodation for you for two consecutive nights, to include the date of your presentation. Additional nights can be arranged on request at a discounted rate. We will also provide you with free registration for the entire event, should you wish to attend, which includes guaranteed tickets for the Festival of Families (on Saturday evening) and the final Mass (on Sunday afternoon) which, please God, will be led by Pope Francis.

I would be grateful if you could let me know, as soon as possible, if you are in a position to accept the invitation to be a panel member at this important international event. It would be an honour to have you with us. You can contact me by letter or by email at speakers@worldmeeting2018.ie, to let me know if you are available to join us. I would also ask you to provide details of the telephone number and/or email address at which you can most easily be contacted. Further guidance as to the theme of the panel and practical arrangements for your stay will be provided in due course.

I look forward to the possibility of welcoming you to Dublin.

Yours sincerely, in Christ,

+Diarmuid Martin Archbishop of Dublin

President of World Meeting of Families 2018

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