

Year 2014

THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS OF ICCFM, GREET YOU ...

Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo

Dear brothers in faith in Jesus Christ, members of the Christian Family Movements of ICCFM, greet you in the joy of Easter of the Lord.

This May 14, SS. The Pope Francis, in general audience, spoke of the **gift of strength** and talked to us about people



who have experienced difficult and very painful situations. *"Think about those men and women who have a*

difficult life and struggling to keep going with the family and the education of their children. They do this because of the spirit of fortitude that helps. These brothers and sisters are holy, holy day to day, hidden saints among us. "

We at once, many people think that besides having a difficult life, illness of a child, or be under the care of their elderly parents, or those mothers who for various reasons have been left alone and delivered to Lord to proclaim the Gospel of the family and life, is the case

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of many of our brothers of the Christian Family Movement, worldwide, who assume with responsibility and joy, this mission.

This would not be possible without the grace of God, St. Paul tells us **"I can do everything through the One who gives me strength."** When we see these examples of life, encourage us to continue with greater force this beautiful mission.

In our movements, we have four pillars that support us and give us strength:

Community; to develop our mission (apostolate) form a community of life, which is the ecclesial team.

Formation; to proclaim the Gospel we form, in the same way that the apostles did. At CFM, we study our faith with a family perspective.

Social Commitment; the kingdom is built through engagement with the brother who need us most, "A faith



without works is a dead faith". St Pablo.

Prayer; there can be no mission without communication with who sends us, that is our strength.

We thank you for your example of service and strength to realize strengthening these four pillars, which are what give robustness and balance to our movements and enable us to further advance our goals and building the kingdom.

"Let the Holy Spirit to guide the mission of proclaiming the gospel of marriage, family and life in the world"

CHAPLAIN (ECCLESIAL ASSISTANT) OF ICCFM, MESSAGE

Father Guillermo Muñiz Vargas

The Homily of Pope Francis on June 29, 2014 on the occasion of the delivery of the "Archbishop Palio" to the new Archbishops enlightens us with several

that motivate us in the work of the "Mission Saint Jose" to the team President and each of the members the **ICCFM** to orient and encourage us in our work.



On the beginnings of the Church, Saint Pedro in his service to the Christian community of Jerusalem, faced with the great fear of Herod's

persecution against the Church, James was killed, and Peter was imprisoned. The Lord sent his angel to freed him from Herod, "Peter acknowledge that the Lord" has freed from the hands of Herod "; God frees him from fear and the chains, (Acts 12:11).

The Lord frees us from our fears and chains, so that we are truly free. Applying this reflection to the Confederation: what are our fears to obstacles in our projects and



jobs, where we place our security?.

The Pope tells us **that St. Peter the Apostle teaches us to his own testimony that our true refuge must be trust in God that dissipates all**

fear and frees us from the slavery and temptations of the world; his testimony invites us to confirm our trust in the Lord. Saint Pedro is rehabilitated in the confidence when Jesus expresses him three times: "Tend my sheep"; three times confessing his love for Jesus, repairs his triple denial passion and learns not to trust himself and his forces, but only in Jesus: "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you "(Jn 21:17). And so disappears fear, insecurity, pusillanimous attitude.

Saint Pedro experienced the faithfulness of God is greater than our infidelity and stronger than our denials. **He notices that the Lord's faithfulness away our fears and exceeds all human imagination.** Also today, to us, Jesus asks: "Do you love me?", because he knows our fears and hardships to trust the own forces.

Peter shows us the way to know entrust in Jesus who "knows it all" of us, not relying on our ability to be faithful to him, but his unwavering loyalty. Jesus never abandons us, because he cannot deny himself. He is faithful. Fidelity that God continually confirms is the source of our confidence and peace beyond of our merits. The faithfulness of the Lord is what keeps on our desire to serve Him and to serve the brothers in the charity through **ICCFM**. Do not waste time on useless questions or gossip; not, not dawdle in the secondary, but look to the essentials and follow me. Follow me despite difficulties; follow me in preaching the Gospel; follow me on the testimony of a life that corresponds to the gift of the grace of Baptism; follow me on the about me from those with whom you live, day after day, work effort, dialogue and friendship, follow

me in the Gospel of marriage and family to everyone, especially the last, so that no one lacks the Word of life, free from all fear and gives confidence in the faithfulness of God.

VICEPRESIDENTS OF ICCFM, MESSAGE

Sergio and Dora Treviño

Dear Brothers in Christ,
In this bulletin Link / Lazo 2014, we want to transmit that to be participating



as a member of a family group is a great blessing and a gratifying responsibility because few people in the world has told **Yes** to God our Lord to His call,

to be missionaries, in our own home first, and then in our family, work, and social environment. God hath be will discover on our path because at the startup we do not see clearly, like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, and He contrive to us, for one big reason, because He **"... loved them to the end." (Jn 13,1).**

If we reflect that our life, its beginning and end is alone with God, then everything has meaning, since suffering, tiredness, delivery, gladness, our loved ones, joy, life, death, it means everything for love, **"... if I have not love, I am nothing" (1 Cor 13: 2).** Therefore know that we are in times of God, **"... it has come to you the kingdom of God." (Mt 12, 28).** Therefore wake up and Let us be aware of this reality and let's get into the mission that God has entrusted to us

reflecting, searching and listening to the good news.

This feeling has been the basis for all the members of the plenary team of the ICCFM, International Presidents, Chaplain, Vice-Presidents, Continental Presidents, the Secretariats and representatives at the UN, that with work and determination have made advances that are taking without precedents as Confederation. We decided as a team and in Unity to **"Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch" (Lk 5,4).**



This has not been alone, but first of all by Gifts of God and moved by the Holy Spirit, prayer from all of you as well as cooperation, to carry out activities on one side provide stability and firmness to the confederation, where evangelization is promoted in families. We know that the field of worldwide action is very broad and we can multiply only through the participation and commitment of all. A few months ago we were far from be able to establish communication with all members of the plenary team, there were many challenges to overcome. But with the enthusiasm and guidance of the Holy Spirit prompted us, the success of "Extraordinary General Meeting, was achieved "on January 31, 1 and 2 February 2014, and with the assistance

of all the plenary team, where the 1st Organization Manual was issued of the ICCFM and changes were made to the Constitution and Bylaws, which also gave support to the Manual very well received and that you will find information on the internet website of the Confederation www.iccfm.org and www.cimfc.org.

From this Assembly started virtual meetings with all Continental Presidents, has been a great approach. That is with every continent and is leading us to more proximity with the countries and know their realities and needs of evangelization and with the firm objective to reach more families to evangelize, and their different members, and foster the missionary labor to which we have been called in Baptism, and even more, to those in which we had been called to be servants, as the example of Jesus Christ **"...He came not to be served but to serve ..." (Mt 20, 28).**

We invite you to be near of the ICCFM through the internet websites www.cimfc.org , www.iccfm.org, and this bulletin Link / Lazo, the Presidents of your countries and the Continental Presidents, it means keep in mind that we are present and spread worldwide in 43 countries, and we want to take the evangelization of families, to many more families and countries. You can collaborate quickly and effectively with your prayers, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and offering the Holy Eucharist.

We entrust to our Holy Mary, Mother of God in their different advocations, in the world that calls us to follow his son, and under Her protection, we get.

SECRETARIATE OF FORMATION

Guillermo and María Elena Novelo

Dear brothers ICCFM.

With great joy, we salute and thank God for the opportunity to communicate with you through this Bulletin.

We are Guillermo and Maria Elena Novelo and working on Secretariat of Formation of the Confederation.



We want to share with you the restlessness that causes us to see so many empty churches, we

thought about what are the causes. Perhaps because there are not enough priests, because many Christians have failed to assess the presence of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist, and an extremely important that the laity we have not realized that we needed for the Body of Christ to work properly.

In this situation, we cannot stand watching the world die for lack of meaning in his life. We must be aware that what they do not do nobody else will do it, each of us are an irreplaceable member of the Church, as we have a specific mission.

Now is the time to be an **apostle**, first through the testimony, prayer life and our actions, but it is not only necessary to be an apostle, you need to **do apostleship**, and How we can achieve this? Through formation to help grow and strengthen our faith. **How?**, by studying the Word of God, the

doctrine of the church. No one can talk about what we do not know, if we want to be those "living stones" mentioned in the Gospel, you must first be filled of God, through prayer and the sacraments, If we do not keep this frequent union with God, our apostolate will easily become an empty and fruitless action. Jesus himself told us: **"I am the vine, you are the branches. The**



branch remains united to the vine bears much fruit. Without me ye can do nothing." (Jn 15: 5.).

We invite you to always seek followed by feeding on the Word of God and persevere in **formation**.

Our families and families of the world need examples to follow, marriages and families in their walk, by witness that Christ is the center of their lives and the motor that moves, committed families who want to be formed and carry the message, the **Good News more families**.

That Christ be our light and our strength and San José Patron of Families intercede for us.

SECRETARIAT OF UNITY, CO-RESPONSIBILITY AND FINANCE, MESSAGE

Edgar and Cinthya Montalvo



Dear friends and brothers in Christ, we greet you today from our home hoping wishing you are living with Joy the Gifts that our Lord has given to each of our families in the length and breadth of this beautiful planet. We'd like to start our message by sharing a story that says so.

A college student came out one day for a walk with a Professor, who their students considered him their friend due to his kindness to those who followed his instructions. While they walked, they looked on the way a pair of old shoes and they supposed it belongs to an old man who worked in the field at the side of the trail and was about to finish their daily tasks. The student told the teacher: "Let's make him a joke; we hide the shoes and we hide behind those bushes to see his face when he does not find them."

My dear friend, said the teacher - we never have to get to fun at expense of the poor. You are rich and can give instead joy to this man. Place a coin in every shoe and then we hide to see how he reacts when he finds them. The student did it, and then both went into the bushes nearby to hide. The poor man, completed his labor, and crossed the land in search of your shoes and his coat. When he slipped the foot in the shoe, he feel something inside, he bent down to see what it was and he found

the coin. Stunned, he wondered what could have happened. He looked at the coin, turned it and returned it to look. Then he looked around, and to the sides, but it was not anyone. He kept it in his pocket and wear on the other shoe; his surprise was double when he find another coin. Feelings went over



him; He fell on his knees and looked up to the sky pronouncing fervent thanks out loud, talking of his sick and helpless wife and his poor children with no bread and how an unknown hand save they starve to death. The student was deeply affected and filled his eyes with tears. Now, the Professor said, are not you more pleased now, than if had made him a joke?

The young man replied: "You have taught me a lesson I will never forget. "Now I understand something that previously did not understand: ***is better to give than to receive***".

Dear friends, in this story we find 3 characters the Teacher the student the laborer, which we can clearly identify within our Church like Jesus, Our Selves and the families that surround us.

May In this period therefore been our purpose, help the needy families in the world through the ICCFM, to find the treasure we have in the family, the richness of our Movement; which led in a proper way not only help us to live in a better way our marriage; but to help

us find the way to holiness through It. Being for many marriages our Movement those two coins which the laborer found in his shoes. As the Master teaches us to share with those in need, As well we as CFMers must not only share with the families of our country, but we must bring everywhere the Gospel of Marriage, Family and Life in the world.

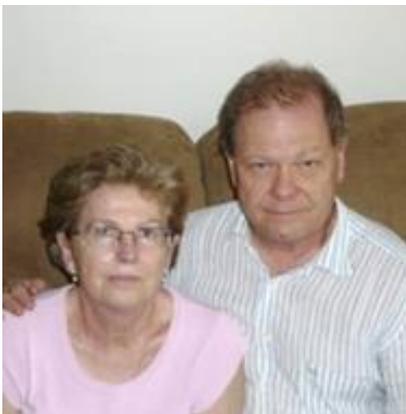
As Catholics it is our due being co-responsible of the change providing our support, spiritual and monetary giving a bit of what God our Father have provide us, so thus our Confederation can bring the Gospel of the family to the entire world, as Mexican saying states 'In the way we request we'll be given'. **The generous will themselves be blessed Proverbs 22:9**

"... The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 2 Corinthians 9:6"

CONTINENTAL PRESIDENTS OF EUROPE, MESSAGE.

Robert and Maria del Carmen Kimball

The next ICCFM European Congress will be held in Croatia in 2015 and organized by members of the Christian Family Movement in that country. This



Congress will support the Christian Family Movement in Croatia in their ongoing efforts to defend the truth about marriage and

the family after a constitutional referendum on marriage was approved in 2013. The national presidents of the Christian Family Movement in Croatia, Darka and Marijo Zivkovic, along with their daughter, dr. Zeljka Markic, who was one of the main organizers of this referendum, worked tirelessly to get the referendum approved by Croatian voters, despite strong opposition from the Croatian president, government, and major news media.

The Christian Family Movement in Spain will hold its annual National Assembly on 20 and 21 September, 2014, with the participation of the ICCFM world presidents, Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo, who shall provide a presentation of the ICCFM at the Spanish CFM National Assembly. A new book "Values for Peaceful Coexistence," to be published by the Spanish religious publisher CCS and offered to every diocese in the world, will also be presented at the National Assembly. A pilgrimage to the Spanish city of Avila for all members of the Christian Family Movement has been scheduled for 2015 to commemorate the 5th Centenary of the birth of Saint Theresa of Avila.

The general theme of the Christian Family Movement in Portugal for the academic year 2013/2014 was "The Christian Family Movement in Portugal Responds to the Current Calls for the New Evangelization". The main document of study was based on the materials provided by the 13th Synod / Assembly of Bishops and it was broken down into seven subthemes. The scope of this theme was explained to local delegates of the Christian Family Movement at the National Assembly in Portugal on 16 October, 2013. At another National Assembly held on 2nd March, 2014, Father Antonio Rego

presented a paper on the topic of "The New Evangelization and the New Technologies." On June 22, 2014, members of the Christian Family Movement in Portugal took part in a family pilgrimage to the Shrine of Fatima under the theme of "Families, Muster Up the Courage to Continue on your Mission". The theme of the next academic year (2014/2105) will be "The Christian Family Movement in Portugal Responds to Calls Made by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation Francisco *Evangelii Gaudium*".

The extensive program of activities planned by the CFM Marriage Encounter Movement in Sweden from January to July 2014 was composed of weekly meetings, a special activity each month and monthly talks open to the entire community on topics of great interest to married couples and families, such as "Missionary Families in Foreign Countries", "Holiness in Marriage", "Spirituality in the Family", "The Domestic Church" and "The Legality of marriage." Activities during this last semester culminated in a large meeting of families held at Lake Tyreso on July 5, 2014.

Since Hungary representatives at UN in Vienna:

Inside Europe, the ICCFM has a couple from Hungary Csaba and Greta Horváth that represent the ICCFM at the UN at Vienna and belongs to CFM / FIRES and for the bulletin share about their country "Hungary" the next:



Today cca. 120 parish-based MECS (CFM/FIRES Hungary) groups work in Hungary. A

major reorganization of the 12 regions, has been accomplished in the past months in order to help local personal communication between leader couples of groups, regions and large regions, four of which have been created, including 3-4 regions each. The MECS groups use printed booklets with detailed outlines for 10 monthly meetings each. The booklets are created by a board of couples and revised by priests.

Besides helping the group meetings of married couples with the booklets, the other main service of MECS is regularly presenting Fr. Gabriel Calvo's FIRES (original Encounter) programs with the help of 10 organizer couples and 4 priests. The programs reach out to youth, engaged and married couples, individuals, priests, inside and outside of MECS. They are the main source of new young couples joining MECS and starting new groups, especially the Engaged Encounter, organized 6 times a year, with an attendance of cca. 120 young couples per year. The Priest Encounter is presented by Bishop for the Family Msgr. László Bíró every second year; the next one is planned for 4 to 7 August 2014, with over 20 participants including priests and team couples.

Besides our regular Lenten spiritual day with Bishop Laszlo Bíró, MECS had a special program in Budapest in May 2014 (see photo). Fr. Donnon Murray OFM introduced "Family Evangelization", the most recent two-day program for families by Fr. Gabriel Calvo. About 120 people, parents and kids attended the program, which was very successful. This program had been presented in Venezuela first, also by Fr. Donnon Murray, in 2013.

Our activity is helped by our internet site. Many couples and groups find us also through the internet. Both websites are also available in English: www.cfm.org.hu and www.fires.hu. In 2012, all of the books and booklets by Fr. Gabriel Calvo were made available on our internet site.

The English, Japanese and Spanish translations of the books can be downloaded free of charge from:

<http://www.fires.hu/download.php>

With the Author's permission, this is an online service of MECS Hungary to the world.

CONTINENTAL PRESIDENTS OF LATIN AMERICA, MESSAGE

Lucy and Ricardo Araujo

To our brothers of the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements in the world.



It is a great pleasure and joy to greet you through this way, wishing the grace, love and peace of our Lord

Jesus Christ is with each of you and your families.

We are pleased to establish these bonds of unity among all the families of the MFC in the world, and as same as all of us are taking a missionary service. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide and encourage us to bring the joy of the gospel to all corners of the earth and the margins of society. This mission must reach all the regions of the world and

more and more families know what it's live the happiness, the peace that gave us the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. Professing a faith that is the result of fulfilling the word of God which has been seeded, driven by the Holy Spirit that has grown and reached fruits of salvation for many families, that **He** continue to encourage our faith, illuminating our way to the most perfect communion with God the Father, as true disciples of Christ.

At this time, we are traveling to the countries of Panama and Paraguay, with great enthusiasm and missionary spirit. We will visit several dioceses in these countries, we will have meetings with our emefecistas leaders at diocesan and national level, giving a follow-up, motivating and encouraging the "Project of Evangelical Solidarity Santa Maria de Guadalupe" which was accepted for formation in the MFC in those countries. This project has been developed and shared by the MFC Mexico, with proven effectiveness, and makes this available the "Basic Formation Cycle" (BFC) for marriages, and the BFC for youths and teenagers. It also shares material for institutional services (out from MFC) as the material for Responsible Mothers (Mothers alone), Parent Formation, Immediate Marriage Preparation Course (CPIM), among others. It is important to mention that the project also includes in addition to the material, complete system and implementation methodology, also the structure and training for each of the functions within the apostolic services needed to carry out successfully this great project.

We invite you to continue working tirelessly in apostolic service to which you have been called, always radiating joy and love toward God, in order to reach maturity in Christ. Which is

nothing other than the maturity of the impulsed person by the Holy Spirit that transforms the deep of us, to not be discouraged by the great challenges and difficulties that we face today, but it encourages us to respond with courage and hope to serve more and more and more families in society and building the kingdom of God.

We send fraternal greetings.

God with you and, joint in prayer.

CONTINENTAL PRESIDENTS OF NORTH AMERICA, MESSAGE

John y Lauri Przybysz.



The Christian Family Movement in North America is comprised of four movements that are members of the ICCFM: CFM-USA (English), MFCC-USA (Spanish) and MFC-Los Angeles (Spanish), and MFCC-Canada (Spanish). Although Mexico and Central America are in North America, their MFCs are associated with Latin America MFC. ICCFM has members in more than 40 countries. www.iccfm.org



Drs. Lauri and John Przybysz, Maryland, USA, are the Continental Presidents and Fr. Don Conroy, Pennsylvania, is North American Chaplain. ICCFMrep@cfm.org

The four movements reflect the increasingly multi-cultural and multi-lingual situation of the U.S. and Canadian Church. CFM/MFC in United States continues its mission to promote, encourage, and help the Christian Family Movements so that the organizations and their members live their human and Christian vocations and bear witness to the essential values of the family. Each movement benefits from the support and guidance of their priests and chaplains.

- Bishop George Rassas, Chicago, is the episcopal moderator of the CFM-USA.
- Bishop Oscar Cantu, Las Cruces, New Mexico, advises the MFCC-USA .



MFCC-USA: Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico-USA is the largest of the Christian Family Movements in our continental region, with more than 7000 families. They have a bilingual (Spanish and English) formation program with three levels. Each level addresses the Marriage Relationship, the Family Relationship, and the Relationship of the Family to the



Community. Tony and Loly Layton of Edinburg, TX Antonio.layton@sbcglobal.net began their second term as National Presidents in 2014. Their membership is concentrated in the western, southwestern, and southern states, but it is growing in New York and Washington, DC. www.mfccusa.net

MFC-Los Angeles - The MFC-Los Angeles is an independent organization, also Spanish, and has about 500 families in 20 parishes in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, CA. The presidents are Enrique and Blanca Romero.



www.mfclosangeles.org

CFM-USA is the English-language movement in the USA, with 850



member families. Tom and Mary Kay Halpin of Omaha, Nebraska, director@cfm.org are the national presidents, and the spiritual advisor is Fr. Tom Rzepiela of Chicago. When a group of families wants to join CFM-USA, they use the special Starter Kit that teaches the Observe, Judge, Act method common to all ICCFM organizations. Regional leaders mentor new groups. Additional study materials

on family-centered faith formation and evangelizing topics are available for ongoing groups that meet in homes or at the parish. www.cfm.org

MFCC-Canada - The MFCC-Canada is new, with 30 Hispanic families. The Presidents are Deacon Juan Carlos and Maritza Véliz, of Hamilton, Ontario. Leaders from the ICCFM World Headquarters Team recently went to Canada to give training and materials.

Working with their local parishes, in North America, the members of our movements support Christian marriage and family life by their example and actions.

XIII ICCFM World Assembly in the USA - With the cooperation of the other three movements, MFCC-USA will host the World Assembly of ICCFM in San Antonio in July 2016, which will also mark the 50th anniversary of ICCFM. Members from Latin America, Europe, Asia, and Africa are expected to attend.

Past Presidents, Model of a Parish Groups of Grandparents.-
Gary y Kay Aitchison



Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchison, past presidents of the Christian Family Movement, have been invited to be the key speakers at the fall Senior

Enrichment workshop and lunch, on November 22, 2014. The workshop is hosted by the Archdiocese of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Catholic Charities Office for Pro-life and Social Ministry and the Office for Evangelization and Faith Formation.

The Aitchisons will describe a model for parish grandparenting groups, "The Grand Adventure: a New Call to Grandparenting," which they developed and presented to the Pontifical Council for the Family in Rome, Italy, in 2010.

An afternoon discussion will be led by CFM chaplain Father Donald Conroy, now stationed in Indiana, PA, and members of the Grandmothers Corp of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, of which he is also chaplain. The Grandmothers Corp will be in Greensburg to describe how the grandparenting model has taken shape in Indiana, PA.

The Aitchisons have written a number of informative guides for the USCCB and the Pontificium Concilium pro Familia including: *Models, Mentors, and Memory Makers* (2012); *Grandparents, Keepers of the Family Stories* (2013); *Grandparents: Evangelizers of the Family* (2014) and *Making the Most of Grandparents' Talents* (2014). They reside in Ames, Iowa, and have welcomed 14 grandchildren into their own family. Fr. Conroy is the chair of the National Institute for the Family in Washington, DC and currently serves CFM at as chaplain of the US and Canada Christian Family Movements. The US Christian Family Movements, in English and Spanish, together total over 8,000 families.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Sergio and Dora Treviño
Vice-presidents

This year 2014 has been very important for ICCFM, because he accomplished the realization of the Extraordinary General Assembly attended by all Continental Presidents of ICCFM, the Delegates at the UN in New York and Vienna and the Headquarters Team. This was not easily achieved but thanks to the prayers of many of you, the wind of the Holy Spirit blow on each of the attendees, and against the different obstacles, that might be thought difficult or impossible to be, were encountered paths, forcefully opened, such as available resources to enable the assembly, find and contact all the Continental Presidents.

Consequence of this Assembly was among the most relevant and briefly the following:

1. Monitor and respond to the resolutions of the Assembly of Bucaramanga, 2013
2. Changes in the Constitution and Bylaws of the ICCFM that they manage to give more strength to the same Confederation and the Continental Presidents.
3. Issue and Approval of the 1st Organization Manual of the ICCFM
4. Within the Organization Manual were formalized ICCFM logos, colors and their meaning.
5. Embodied therein, its history, guidelines manual, procedures for assemblies, responsibilities of each position of the members, projects to present to the UN, among others.

6. Was determined to make videoconference with each Continental President for monitoring and support.

7. Strategies were proposed for each Continental President to their countries in order to derive in a work plan in accordance with the objectives of the ICCFM, which is reviewed in the videoconferences.

8. Moments of Prayer and important reflections such as Speech by Mr Bishop of Querétaro Don Faustino Armendariz and Father Assistant of the ICCFM both about the ***Evangelii Gaudium*** of Pope Francis.

9. The experience of all participants, with the host diocese of Querétaro, a working meeting of the leaders of both marriages and youth.

10. And definitely a full integration of the entire plenary team, due this is achieving a synergy in this pastoral work that God has entrusted to us to bring the Kingdom of God for more families in the world.

11. It has been contacted and distributed memories of this Assembly to the Presidents of the Conferences of Bishops through each Continental President

12. It has also sent memories by our International Presidents Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo, the Pontifical Council for the Laity as Pontifical Council for the Family.

13. The invitation to the International Presidents to participate in a Post-Synodal conference in Rome in November -2014 and in January to the Continental Presidents in Rome.

14. been derived and generated many projects that are working in a very

intense way, and will progressively seeing the results.

It would be very extensive ability to convey all that was lived but we invite you to visit the website ICCFM so they can have further information of it, (www.cimfc.org y www.iccfm.org).

Suffice to say Blessed be God for all the blessings that He has spilled in each one and that has made tangible.

ICCFM Contributes Moral Concerns to UN Committee

John and Lauri Przybysz, ICCFM Representatives to the United Nations.



The Przybyszs are the representatives of ICCFM to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in New York. ICCFM was granted Special Consultative Status in 1989.

The Przybyszs submit the quadrennial report for ICCFM to the UN Non-government Organizations committee, and they maintain contact between the UN activities and the ICCFM leadership. They report how ICCFM has contributed to the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations at the local level by the members of the movements.

Recently, the United Nations formed a sub-group, "Addressing Inequalities Networked Alliance" or "AINA" to write a set of Development Goals to be addressed in 2015-2019. ICCFM is a member of the AINA by virtue of their consultative membership status at the UN. As ICCFM's representatives, the

Przybyszs were invited to contribute input – online -- on questions relating to family well-being.

The UN's AINA group asked for input on the question the critical issue of combating child poverty and the effects of income inequality on children: "Vast numbers of children worldwide continue to suffer from disproportionate levels of poverty, a problem that affects both developing and developed countries alike. A recent report from the World Bank estimates that 400 million children under the age of 13 are extremely poor."

For the question of what high a priority should be placed on child well-being, Przybyszs replied on behalf of ICCFM:

"Children should be the top priority for Post-2015 goals. They are the future. They need safe and healthy home-life, with parents who love and educate them. Otherwise, they could continue a cycle of unsafe, unhealthy, uneducated neighborhoods, lacking love and stability. Married parents will do the most to help ensure children's success. If marriage is not possible, parents should still value and encourage marriage."

On the question: What kinds of data should we track to understand the effects of poverty on children? We replied:

"A simple factor to measure would be the number of children living with married parents in various societies. In US, these have shown correlation to better outcomes. What does this mean in other cultures/nations? Our organization, ICCFM, works to help marriages succeed, so we are interested in these data."

Next, in preparation for a March 2014 UN General Assembly event on the importance of women's well-being in the new Development Goals, members of the NGOs were asked to contribute questions about how conditions contributing to inequality for women can be improved.

These are the questions that John and Lauri Przybysz posed for discussion, on behalf of ICCFM:

- What can be done to help women recover from post-abortion trauma?
- How can women be protected from domestic violence? The world we want is a world where everyone is aware of the problem of domestic violence, where victims (both women and men) will have their stories heard, where a safe haven is provided, where healing can begin. The committee should explore ways to make these essential helps available in all nations.

The Christian Family Movements teach all our members to observe their local conditions, judge what is needed for the common good, and act to change the world for the better. Although the statement and questions submitted to the UN by the Przybyszs were not selected for discussion, we invite ICCFM members to observe, judge, and act for the good of women and children in society. These questions may be a good place to start. Although we are one voice among thousands of NGO members, we are called to speak the Good News whenever and wherever we can.

Continents Activities in Photos 2014

Presidency of ICCFM.-

Visits

Missionary Visits to MFC Mexico



Missionary Visits to MFC Mexico with the communication media



Missionary Visits to CFM USA



Missionary Visits to MFC Spain



Missionary Visits to MFC Portugal



Preparatory Seminary in the Vatican in Rome; Nov-2014



Africa.-

Continental Presidents of Africa with his team of support in a meeting with the Headquarters team of ICCFM



Europe.-

Assembly in India, Candle Lighting in 2014



Asia.-

Towards the 10th CFM / CFS Continental Asia Conference from 23 to 26 October 2015 in Bangalore, India. Below welcome the 9th Conference.

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MFC National Presidents of Spain during his visit to Mexico in

September 2014, with his team, accompanied by MFC

National Presidents of Mexico and International Presidents ICCFM in activity life support, in front of the Embassy of Spain where they were welcomed.



New web site of CFM Philippines /

www.cfmphilippines.org



Familiar Encounter in Hungary in 2014



Latin America.-

**Missionary Visits to El Salvador of Zone-1
12 to 16 of November of 2014**



**Missionary Visits to Ecuador of Zone-2
15 to 19 of May of 2014**



**Missionary Visits to Bolivia of Zone-3
10 to 15 of July of 2014**



North America.-

Biannual Meeting CFM -USA in July 2014



Oceania.-

**Encounter "0" Fires in New South Wales,
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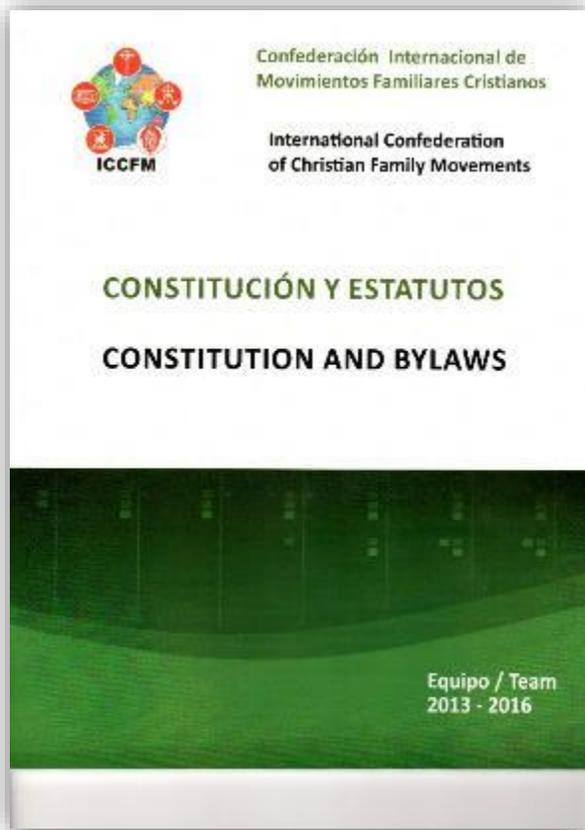


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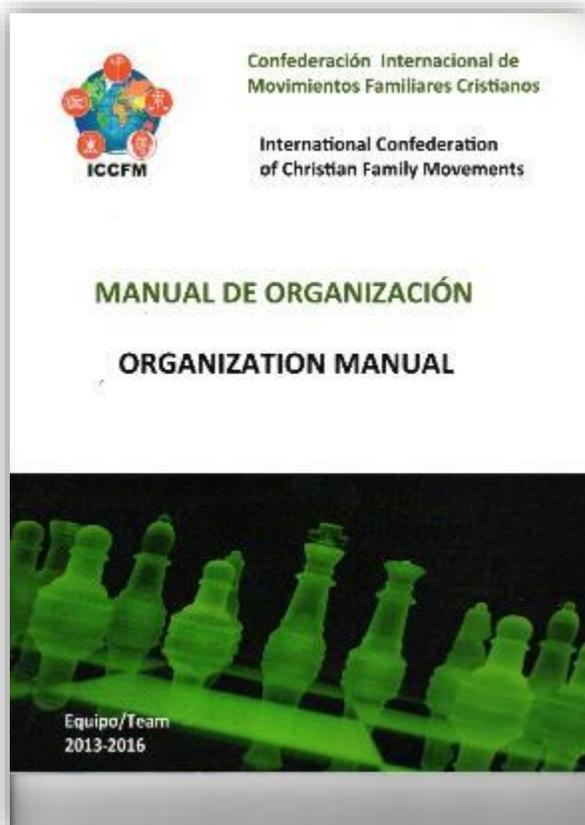
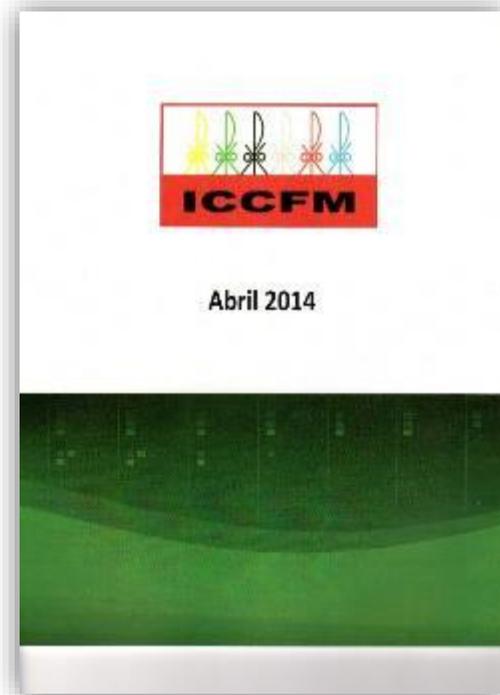


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