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Message of the Presidents of the ICCFM

Putting down the net...

*By Pip and Wilma Cua
ICCFM Presidents*

Greetings to our fellow workers in the Lord's vineyard!



This is our maiden column in Link/Lazo, thus—

We wish to thank our continental presidents and members of the General Assembly for electing us president-couple of ICCFM for the term 2019-2022.

We are humbled by your vote of trust and expression of support. This is a huge responsibility, but it is also a unique opportunity to bring the Good News of the family to our brothers and sisters to the world. We thank the Lord for this

gift of mission as we continually invoke his grace to keep us steadfast in our faith as we discharge the functions of this office.

We congratulate and thank our immediate past President Jorge & Rosalinda Carrillo for their dedication and commitment to the mission/vision of ICCFM. The Confederation had made great strides under their watch. Today it is alive and dynamic because of their kind of leadership: humble yet firm and strong, patient yet persistent qualities that we, current and future leaders, could emulate. We thank too Bishop Gerardo A. Alminaza of the Diocese of San Carlos, Negros Occidental, Philippines, who graciously and selflessly agreed to be the Chaplain of the Confederation. Despite his responsibility as the bishop of a diocese, he finds time to accompany us in our CFM mission. Indeed his passion and commitment to the family is a great source of inspiration for us. And as we start our work, let us aim for a Bigger, Better and Bolder ICCFM! “There is so much work to be done in this work of evangelization—families are falling apart, marriages are breaking, children are abandoned, teen-aged girls get molested, abortion goes on unabated, and the list goes on and on. And how about our brothers and sisters in the peripheries?

Against this backdrop, let us buckle down to work. As missionaries, it behooves upon all of us to act and take bold and positive action. Let us draw

inspiration by this episode in the Gospel of Luke:

And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But, at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. (Lk 5: 4-6)

Yes, let us go out into the deep waters and put down our nets for a catch. Collectively and with one voice, let us resolve:

1. To take our formation programs seriously believing that a CFMer couple or family that is rooted in the word of God and the teachings of Mother Church makes an authentic and effective missionaries.
2. To bring the Good News of the family to the world by reaching out to parishes and communities and countries where CFM is not present ever mindful of our brothers and sisters who are in difficult situations and those in the peripheries.
3. To speak out in defense of life and family and denounce all attempts

to undermine the sanctity of life and the integrity of the family.

4. To care for, and protect our common home, the environment, fully conscious of the fact that we are mere stewards of creation with the responsibility to preserve it for our children and our children's children.
5. To make full and responsible use of the media and technology in our evangelization work.
6. To build up and rationalize the finances of the Confederation to enable it to take the "extra mile" in its evangelization work.
7. To foster unity and greater coordination among the continental presidents and their teams in pushing the mission-vision and objectives of ICCFM.
8. To continually seek and find creative ways to make ICCFM "Bigger, Better and Bolder" ever mindful of the call of the New Evangelization for new approaches, new methods and new expressions in bringing the Good News of the family to the world.

Thus, we invite all of you to "let down our nets" and start building happier and stronger families in our communities. Thank you and we invoke the intercession of St Therese of Lissieux to bless our missionary work.

**Message of the Bishop Gerry Alminaza
International Chaplain of the ICCFM, part
of the President Team.**



March-2020

Dear CFM Families,

As your chaplain, it is my fervent prayer that this message finds you and your family in God's love and grace.

We live in a world today where there's so much darkness amidst dazzling lights, so much loneliness amidst the company of many, so much poverty amidst so much wealth.

Many are lost, as it is easy to get lost, in the dark labyrinths of our fast-changing modern world.

As members of the CFM, you have willingly embraced the noble mission to bring God into your families, into

your work places, into your neighborhoods and communities.

You have freely taken on the mission of evangelization, stewardship, servanthood, family spirituality and defending life.

I wish you and your family to become a great witness of God's love and grace, for you and your family to become a living model of stewardship, including caring for our youth, our poor as well as our mother earth, all as belonging to one family of God!

I also wish for your family to become God's garden where seeds and flowers of priestly vocation may grow in the hearts of young men as our Church needs devoted servants who commit their whole beings in service to our Lord.

I pray for the Lord's guidance and blessings for you and your family. May our heavenly Father bless you and use you, your loved ones and the whole CFM family, wonderfully and mightily!

Praying for you!
Yours in the Holy Family,

Bishop Gerry

Saint Teresa of Lisieux, also called Teresa of the Child Jesus or the Little Flower, a small review of his life.



She was born in the French city of Alencon on January 2, 1873, his parents were Luis Martin and Acelia María Guerin, and he had a very happy childhood. She had great admiration for her parents.

When she was only five when his mother died. She was educated by her sisters, especially by the second; and by his great father, who was able to instill one



maternal and paternal tenderness at the same time. With him she learned to love nature, to pray, and to love and help the poor. "I couldn't explain how much I loved Dad," Teresa said, everything in him aroused admiration».

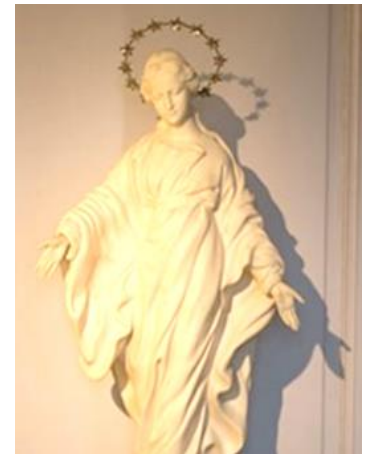
She chooses his sister Paulina as his second mother, but the wound is deep and would take ten years to heal, (1877-1888).



When she was only fifteen, she was convinced of her vocation: she wanted to go to Carmel. But because she was underage, they wouldn't let her. Then she decided to make a pilgrimage to Rome and ask the Pope there. On her pilgrimage to Italy, Teresa realized that despite the "sublime of her vocation", it will not only consist of praying for the conversion of great sinners, but also praying for priests who have small weaknesses and who are fragile, that much needs to be prayed for them.

His sister Paulina's entry into Lisieux Carmel in October 1882 reopens the wound. At the age of ten, Teresa falls seriously ill: alarming symptoms of childhood regression, hallucinations, anorexia.

Medicine can't do anything. Relatives and Carmel pray. On May 13, 1883, an image of the Virgin Mary smiles at Teresa who is suddenly healed.



The following year, on June 8, 1884, her first Communion is for her a "fusion" of love. Jesus finally gives himself to her and she gives himself to Him. Think about being Carmelite now. The entrance into Carmel of her third mother, her sister Maria, destabilizes her. He suffers a severe crisis of obsessive scruples, is hypersensitive and "over-cries." Wants to die and be released.

When she returned from the Rooster Mass in 1886, grace touches her heart. It's a real conversion that transforms her into a strong woman.



The Child of the manger, the Word of God has communicated to her his strength in the Eucharist. Grace has opened her heart and wants to save sinners with Jesus who, on the Cross, thirsted for souls. April 1888 she is happy to be forever in Carmel, with 24 sisters. Community life, cold prayer often dryness, affective loneliness (even if it is with its two older sisters). She can stand everything with enthusiasm. Her greatest suffering will be the illness of his beloved father, interned in The Good Savior de Caen, hospital for the mentally ill. A new family drama for Teresa that deepens in prayer with Isaiah's "the mourning Servant," 53, Her father, who had returned with his family from the internment of the Good Savior of Caen, died in 1894. Celina who had cared, enters Carmel.

In Carmel she lived two mysteries: the childhood of Jesus and his passion. For this reason, she requested to be called Sister Teresa of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face. She offered herself to God as his instrument. She tried to give up imagining and pretending that the Christian life

consisted of a series of large companies, and of willingly and willingly walking "the way of the child who falls asleep without fear in his father's arms". Teresa receives the grace to deepen the Fatherhood of God which is to us other things than Mercy and Love expressed in her Son Jesus, made man. The Christian life is nothing but the life of a son of the Father - son in the Son - inaugurated at baptism and lived in absolute trust. "If you are not like children, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3). Luckily, M. Inés of Jesus orders her to write his childhood memories. Teresa obeys and writes 86 pages in a booklet.

Teresa experiences that her beautiful vocation ("Carmelite, wife and mother") is not enough for her. But she soon finds his vocation by reading a passage from St. Paul on charity (I Cor, 13). Everything is clear to her and she can write "Oh, Jesus, my love, I have finally found my vocation! My vocation is Love!... Yes, I have found my place in the Church and that post, my God, it is You who has given it to me. In the heart of the Church, my mother, I will be love. That's how I'll be everything.



Increasingly tormented by the concern that sinners will not know this merciful love of God, at Easter 1896, she enters a

dark night when her faith and hope fight. Meanwhile, tuberculosis undermines her health at age 23 and weakens her. Teresa uses her last strength and teaches "her path of spiritual childhood" to the five novices she is in charge of and her spiritual brethren, priests and missionaries in Africa and China.

Living this compassion in union with Christ in Gethsemane and on his Cross, exhausted by hemoptisis, she keeps his smile and exquisite charity to animate the morale of his sisters, dismayed at seeing her die full of heinous suffering.

By obedience continues, until exhaustion, the writing of his memories in which, with a transparent truth, she "sings the mercies of the Lord" in his short life. Asking to "do good on earth after his death, to the end of the world," humbly prophesying that his super sum mission would be to teach his little walk to souls and "spend his heaven doing good on earth," she dies on September 30, 1897.



In 1898, a year after her death a book was published from her writings: History of a Soul, which will conquer the world and make known this young religious woman who had loved Jesus" to death of love." A

hidden life was going to light up the world. And this lasts more than a hundred years...

Canonized in 1925 by Pius XI, this same Pope proclaimed it, together with St. Francis Xavier, universal patron of the missions, even though during her religious life she never crossed the walls of her convent of Lisieux, although she ardently wanted to be a missionary.

In October 1997 She was declared Doctor of the Universal Church by John Paul II, a Norman girl who died at the age of 24 and who never set foot in a university classroom to study systematically. She would share the prestigious recognition reserved for men of intellectual stature of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Leo the Great or St. John of the Cross. "Among the "doctors of the Church"," the Pope clarified, "Teresa del Niño Jesus is the youngest, but her fiery spiritual journey shows great maturity and the intuitions of faith expressed in her writings are so broad and profound that they deserve to be among the great masters of spirituality".

The Bishop of Rome explained the importance of Teresa's message to society that he intends to cross the threshold of the third millennium: "In a rationalist culture and too often overrun by practical materialism, she opposes with a simplicity that disarms "the little way" that leads to the secret of all existence: the divine Love that envelops and penetrates every adventure.

Source:

https://www.corazones.org/santos/teresita_lisieux.htm

Participation in the MFC National Meeting in Peru (SPLA), February 2019 by Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo as Presidents of ICCFM

House of spirituality "St Joseph of Cluny" Magdalena de Mar, Lima, Peru. February 15, 16 and 17, 2019. "Open door movement on exit to call, form and send".



CFM National President in Peru: Cesar Sisniega and Denissa Pajuelo
 SPLA Zone I Secretaries: Yorguin and Carolina Gomez
 MFC continental presidents in Latin America: Marcos and Alicia Alvarez
 ICCFM Presidents: Rosalinda and Jorge Carrillo
 Theme Exhibitor: Cardinal Monsignor Pedro Barreto SJ

will to sanctify and save men, not in isolation, without any connection to one another, but by constituting a people, to confess to him

in truth and to serve him holyly». GE 6

It is a source of joy to note that the vast majority of Christian Family Movements integrated into the Confederacy manifest themselves as Movements of missionary disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, open doors and on the way out.

The National Meeting 2019 where its thematic content reflects the application of the methodology: SEE, JUDGE and ACT. And with pedagogy applied in the overall of the program: Spirituality, Study and encounter between brothers.



Participation of meeting of MFC national presidents of Zone I of the Latin American Continent, March 15, 16 and 17, 2019 in Cancun, Mexico, by Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo as Presidents of ICCFM

Participants:

Presidents of MFC in **Cuba**, Teresa and Orlando Sansón; **Costa Rica**, Tomas and Mabel Porras; **El Salvador**, Gilda and Roberto Rivas; **Guatemala**, Monica and Juan José de la Roca; **Honduras**



Mayra and Favio Alfredo Montes Martínez and Alexis and Diana Vallecillo (PN elected 2019-2022); and **Mexico**, Jesus and Blanca Ramos y Marcos and Alicia Cebreros (PN elected 2019-2022). Secretaries of Zone I of the SPLA of Honduras, Jorge and Ligia Caballero. Presidents of the Secretariat for Latin America SPLA of Paraguay; Marcos Alvarez and Alicia Quiñones

Objectives of the Meeting.

- 1.- Unify criteria for training materials, according to the countries that integrate Zone I of the Secretariat for Latin America of the Christian Family Movement.
- 2.- SPLA report with the reality, the projects and programs.
- 3.- To make known the importance of the ICCFM Assemblies and the participation of their members in achieving their objectives in

communion at the international level.

- 4.- Cultural exchange and knowledge between zone I national presidents and MFC in the Diocese of Cancun.

Presentation by Marcos and Alicia Alvarez Latin American presidents of MFC's reality, activities and programs on this continent. As well as the perspectives, projects and opportunities of it.



The PRESENTATION of Assemblies of ICCFM 2019 was held by Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo. The Confederation had the opportunity to present the program and its specific objectives of the ICCFM meetings and Assemblies for July 2019 and the program of exchange of experiences to be held in Querétaro with part of the attendees. They also gave Diploma and Banner as an award for coming first in the prayer contest for the "XIV World Assembly of Families of ICCFM 2019" to Marcos Alvarez and Alicia Quiñones.



ICCFM Plenary Team Unity Meeting 9, 10 and 11 July 2019

Objective:

- 1) Strengthen fraternity for a work in unity and communion of the members of the full executive team.
- 2) Know the strengths and weaknesses of the Confederacy on the continents.
- 3) Vision and Expectations
- 4) Let members be known as friends

Attendees/Participants: Msgr. Carlos Garfias Merlo, Archbishop of Morelia Continental Presidents: Alicia and Marcos Alvarez (Latin America), Anita and Lukose Vallatharai (Asia), Krisztina and Balazs Menesi -Entrantes-; Robert and Mari Carmen Kimball- Outgoing -(Europe), Mike and Margaret Moyo (Africa) World Former Presidents: Elma and Nop Muangkroot (Thailand) and Esilda and William Cheng (Panama), ICCFM Team Dora and Sergio Treviño (Vice Presidents), Marielena and Guillermo Novelo (S. Formation) and

Patricia and Miguel Zúñiga (ICCFM representatives to ECOSOC). Presidents of ICCFM Rosalinda and Jorge Carrillo and Pbro. Saul Ragoitia Chaplain of the ICCFM, candidates to the presidency ICCFM Wilma and Epifanio Cua, and Msgr. Gerardo Alminaza Bishop of San Carlos, Philippines.

And Guests Jesus and Blanca Ramos (Presidents of MFC in Mexico), Marcos and Martha Cebrenros(Incoming Presidents of MFC in Mexico), Miguel Angel and Eva Cerrado (MFC Spain), Pbro. Claud Nonis (Ecclesial Assistant of MFC Sri Lanka), Agna (Thailand), Monsignor Silvio Siripong Charatsri Bishop of Chanthaburi, In Eastern Thailand, Lourdes Patrón (MFC Morelia Mexico), Leo and Nicanor Ruiz (Diocesan Presidents of MFC Morelia Mexico Mexico).

Among the activities began with a press conference where were, press and radio media of the city of Morelia Michoacán. The conference table was in front of the Archbishop of Morelia Mons. Garfias,



Msgr. Alminaza Bishop of San Carlos, Philippines, ICCFM Presidents Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo, Confederation Chaplain



Father Saul Ragoitia, Continental Presidents of Africa Margaret and Mike Moyo, and ICCFM president candidates Epifanio (Pip) and Wilma Cua, journalists at the front and sides on the rest of the ICCFM attendees and guests. This press conference was held at the MFC Morelia house in downtown Morelia. The press conference table was framed by a ICCFM canvas with the slogan –bilingual- "The good of the family is decisive for the future of the world and the church", as well as with family blankets according to the Social Doctrine of the Church, as well as canvases allusive to the Family, life and to ICCFM.

Among the highlights that were discussed with reporters including Q&A section were the reason for the XIV World Assembly of Families, the yes to life since conception, the presence of ICCFM at the UN.

Subsequently there was dynamic integration, as well as a tour of some tourist spots around the city of Morelia, a brief conference of who was Don Vasco

de Quiroga, name that bears the University where the Assemblies were, this was in the Basilica of Our Lady of the Health, in the village of Patzcuaro she is the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Morelia.



Nuestra Señora de la Salud, patrona de la Arquidiócesis de Morelia.
Our Lady of the Health Patron Saint of the Diocese of Morelia

Finally there was a presentation session of the Continental Presidents at the MFC house in Morelia, with the aim of expanding



them more widely and serving to get to know each other better among the participants, make synergy and serve as a platform for the next three-year period.





XIV World Assembly of Families
July 12, 13 and 14, 2019

Objective:

1.- To help the formation, strengthen the fraternity and communion of the families of the Christian Family Movements, so that they may be the light of Christ in their countries.

2.- To know the reality of the family today, the current orientations of the Magisterium of the Church and the social sciences, through Conferences and exchange of experiences of the assistant members in order to obtain the lines of action that will be applied in the family movements of the different countries of the world members of this Confederation. (Ref. Article VI, World Assembly of Families, ICCFM)

Theme of the Assembly: "The Family called to holiness so that that the light of Christ shine in every home "

Assembly motto: "*That the light of Christ shine in every home*"

With the participation of 179 people from abroad from 18 countries, plus 272 from the host country for a total of 451 participants.

Spain, Italy, Hungary, Sweden, Malawi, United States, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Philippines, Bolivia, Colombia, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, Panama and Paraguay.

The venue for the event was in the sports auditorium of the Vasco de Quiroga



University, host of the ICCFM World Assembly of Families.

At the Opening ceremony they were present at the Presidium: Monsignor Carlos Garfias M. Archbishop of Morelia, Pbro. Saúl Ragoitia V. International Assistant of ICCFM, Rosalinda and Jorge Carrillo International Presidents of ICCFM, Alicia and Marcos Alvarez Latin American Presidents -PRELA-,

Blanca and Jesus Ramos Presidents of CFM in Mexico, civil representatives of the Governor of the State of Michoacán and Municipal President of Morelia.

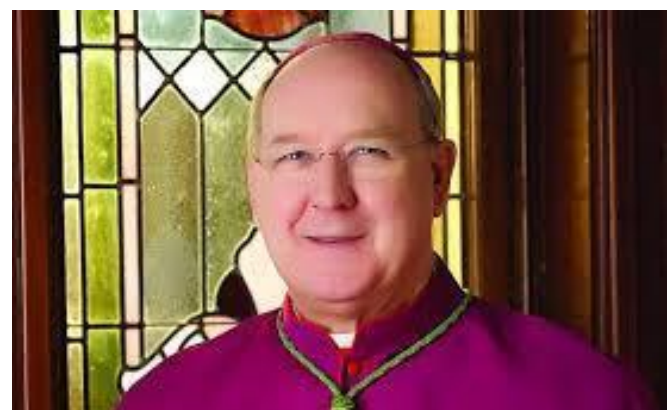
Then there was the Banner Parade where the national presidents of the country who attended or a representative of the country passed, on the one hand, with the



In the same auditorium of the assembly was lived The Holy Mass for the start of activities, where at the end of the Mass each Continental President Marriage passed on behalf of the members of his continent and lit a candle, which was each on one of the leaves of the tree. Tree built in white metal on the occasion of the assembly and in accordance with the Logo of the Assembly.

flag of their country as on the other with the banner of the movement of the country they represented.

On the occasion of the World Assembly of Families, S. Em. Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, The



Family and Life, sent a message and that a reading was given, of which we added a small extract, in which he refers that the theme that was chosen for this XIV World Assembly of families "The Family called to

holiness so that in every home shine the light of Christ" is very much in tune with the Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate "... My modest goal is to repropose the call to holiness,..." For the Lord has chosen each one of us "to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Eph 1:4) " (GE 2).

Five conferences were held for.

1. Dr. Rodrigo Guerra López (Mexico). **SEE: "New family realities: natural evolution or strategy"**
2. Monsignor Rogelio Cabrera López (Mexico) **JUZGAR: "In the face of the reality of the family: victims,**

accomplices or protagonists of change" in the light of the Magisterium of the Church

3. Father Saúl Ragoitia Vega (Mexico) **1st Conference of Act: "The Family Called to Holiness".**
4. Miguel Angel and Eva María Almendro, of Toledo, Spain **II Conference Act "Let the light of Christ shine in every home"**
5. Elma and Nop Muangkroot, from Bangkok, Thailand **III Conference Act "Christian Family Movements, Instruments of Holiness"**



Within the Assembly there were reflection workshops in which groups worked in different classrooms. For this purpose, marriage groups and on the other hand a group of young people



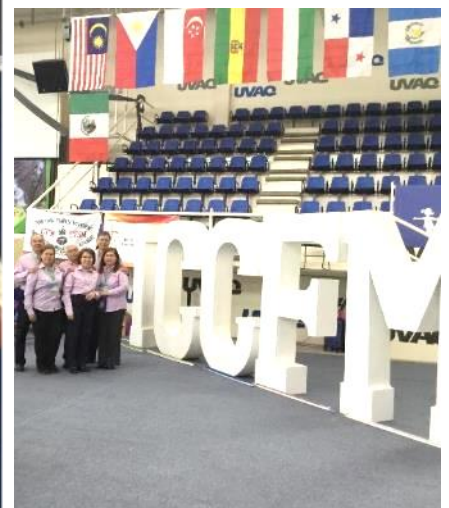
were worked on the one hand, in both cases the groups were reflected and these had conclusions that were presented on the last day of the assembly in plenary meeting.

Every day the Holy Eucharist was celebrated. Recognitions were given to different distinguished couples for their work in the period in their work for the Confederation, as well as to the CFM of



the Organizing Diocese, as well as its ecclesial assistants. The support of Monsignor Carlos Garfias M. Archbishop of Morelia, Michoacán and the CFM National Team of Mexico was also thanked for hosting this magnificent event. Finally a group photo was taken with all the attendees in the stands of the auditorium.

PRESIDENTES CONTIENTALES DIERON SU REPORTE A LA ASAMBLEA DE LAS FAMILIAS
CONTINENTAL PRESIDENTS GAVE IT'S REPORT TO THE FAMILY ASSEMBLY



VARIOUS PHOTOS:







XVIII General Assembly July 15, 2019

Objective:

To reaffirm, give life and continuity to the operation of the Confederation through the governing body that is the General Assembly by appointing the ICCFM International President couple. Article III, Sections A, B, C and D.

In the General Assembly, **the activity**



report of the triennium 2016-2019, was presented by the President of ICCFM Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo and Father Saul Ragoitia Vega, while the financial report of **the triennium was presented** by Edgar and Cinthya Montalvo, responsible for the Secretariat of Unity, Co-Responsibility and Finance.

Subsequently, on the topics for discussion of proposed amendments to the Constitution, Regulations and Organizational Manual, it was proposed and accepted by a majority of votes not to revise these in this General Assembly.

Balázs and Krisztina Menesi, Continental Europe Presidents, proposed that Hungary to host the "XV World Assembly of Families" and the "XIX General Assembly" of the ICCFM by 2021, which was welcomed and voted upon and accepted unanimously.



One a presentation moment for the admission of new members:

Christian Family Movement of Italy, which was unanimously approved as a full member.



The Parents Formation Movement (MFPP-USA) was then presented and works with a workshop for parents and United Families in the Joy of the Holy Spirit (FUEGO.DES), which is a



family-forming movement, which were accepted by a majority as associate members.

The manifesto of the ICCFM "XIV World Assembly of Families" was presented and read by William and Maria Elena Novelo.



There was a moment of giving recognitions to outgoing Continental Presidents Robert and Maria del Carmen Kimball for Europe, Andrew and Bernadette Simango for Africa (He was taken by the marriage of Mike and Margaret Moyo Incoming Presidents and Hugo and Dalila Monterrosa for Oceania will be sent to them by International Presidents Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo.



The financial report of the triennium of the Confederation by Edgar and Cinthya Montalvo was presented, remotely.

They then presented the financial report of the "XIV World Assembly of Families" and the "XVIII General Assembly of the ICCFM" of the host country by the National Presidents of MFC Mexico Jesus and Blanca Ramos.



The election of **CMFC International Presidents for the period 2019-2022**



was immediately held where the couple Epifanio (Pip) and Wilma Cua of the Philippines were unanimously chosen. They in turn designated and accepted as International Chaplain of the ICCFM Bishop Gerardo Alminaza



of the Diocese of San Carlos, Philippines.



The incoming presidents addressed the assembly a few words, presented their work plan for the triennium and the event was concluded with the Eucharistic Celebration and Closing of the "XVIII General Assembly".



Exchange "Evangelical Solidarity Project" in Queretaro, Mexico

Objective: Experience and presentation of the Evangelical Solidarity project.

Participants.-

From Sri Lanka: Rev. Br. Claude Nonis; from Malawi: Mike and Margaret Moyo couple; from Hungary; Balázs y Krisztina Menesi e Istvan and Veronika Keszei; From Italy: Rev. Joseph Alex de León; Sweden: Sergio and Ana María Trincado, and Urbana del Carmen; from Spain: Miguel Angel and Eva María Almendro; from Philippines: Pip and Wilma Cua and Monsignor Gerardo Alminaza Bishop of San Carlos.

A total of 16 people.

Participants lived with cfm'ers from the city of Querétaro, where lived different

moments of the Evangelical Solidarity Project, where they had the different experiences:

- The experience of the Basic Cycle of



Family Formation the study meeting, where you study, read the topics as a couple and as a family and pray (Note: this is also given in the formation cycle for young people, or of teenagers or single mothers





a family). Then the meeting of the Basic team that already reflect together has been studied all with the Method of See, Act and Judge.

The experiences that lived as an example of all the meetings along the very well-defined structure, so that this is given:

- The zonal team meeting, which is basic for the team meeting to live it in the right way. With Priestly support in these.



- The Sector meeting, where the different areas of the sector and the different areas meet.
- Also, diocesan meetings where different sectors meet, as well as different areas (6 AREAS)
- Finally, the diocesan assembly that are the Diocesan Sectors and Presidents together with all their areas and the Holy Eucharist was celebrated.
- To achieve this training, had the support the CFM team of the Diocese of Querétaro coordinated by Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo.
- There was also the opportunity to visit the CFM house of Querétaro, as well as tourist spots such as a church.
- Thus, the Hungarian delegation finally gave a special blessing to all attendees.



Viajes Misioneros de Julio a Diciembre del 2019 del nuevo equipo Presidente con Pip y Wilma como Presidentes de la CIMFC
Missionary travels from July to December 2019 of the new President Team with Pip & Wilma as Presidents of ICCFM



Meeting of Pip and Wilma Presidents of the ICCFM, and the Archdiocesan Coordinating Team of MFC-Los Angeles, in Los Angeles, on July 30, 2019

for families in the next three years.

The MFC Los Angeles welcomed them and expressed their support.

Pip and Wilma made the first missionary visit as ICCFM presidents, to the Continent of North America. Here they had a meeting with Continental Presidents, Wilbur and Juanita Hooker and their continental team. Then a meeting with CFM members from MFC Los Angeles.

The ICCFM presidents explained to them a bit of what will be their work plan on the mission



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Meeting of Pip and Wilma Presidents of the ICCFM, with SVD missionaries in St. Petersburg Russia. October 2019.

In a visit to St. Petersburg, Russia, ICCFM Presidents Pip and Wilma Cua heard the 9 am Sunday mass at the Parish of the Catholic Church of St. Catherine.



After the mass, they met the priest celebrant, Father Baltazar, who invited them for slight snack. Father Baltazar is an Indonesian missionary of the Society of the Divine Word - SVD "Societas Verbi Divini". He was assigned to St

Petersburg, Russia. Over a cup of tea, Presidents Pip and Wilma Cua presented the family formation program of CFM/MFC and the plan to introduce it to the proper forum in Russia. Father Baltazar showed much interest.



He advised that SVD will be sending two Russian seminarians to the Philippines within the following month for a two - year theology study. What an opportunity to get in touch with young Russian priests in the making. Thereafter, Father Baltazar happily introduced the Cuas to some parishioners, some of whom are Filipinos active in the Parish activities.



Missionary Visits to CFM Mexico to Block Meetings

They were held on 12 and 13; 26 and 27 October and 16 and 17; 30 Nov and 1 December and 7 and 8 December 2019



CFM Mexico, which has a large membership of approximately 50,000 families, adolescent, Single Mothers responsible of a Family, is organized in different regions of the country called Blocks. Each Block consists on the average of 5 Provinces and each Province has 3 to 5 Dioceses, in total the CFM Mexico has a presence in 88 of these Blocks in 19 archdioceses and 72 dioceses.



The National Team give the trainings, transmit objectives, present the guidelines, etc., directly to the Dioceses. In a period of 2 or 3 months, the 5 meetings of the 5 Blocks are held. All team leaders of the Dioceses participate; approximately 400 persons at each of the meetings. Each

meeting starts early Saturday and ends on Sunday after noon.



Ramillete espiritual ofrecido por la membresía por la reunión.
Spiritual bouquet offered by membership for the meeting.

In all meetings, the entire National Team are present consisting of the President couple – Marcos and Martha Cebreros-, their 6 team couples that are leaders of each area that makes up the CFM; the Youth National Leader with its 5 youth areas (Works with a National couple assigned to the National Youth), the Single Mother National Leader - Solo Parent, the assistant priests of each diocese, and the Bishops – or Archbishops of dioceses attended are invited.

The entire National team travels to the 5 host cities where the Block meeting will be. These meetings have been well attended by National Presidents Marcos and Martha allowed us to participate and make known the Confederation to leaders of the CFM of the country and then later, they would transmit it to the membership.

The meetings of the Block of the North of the Country are held by Sergio and Dora Treviño, Vice Presidents of ICCFM; they traveled to the city of Tijuana and then to the city of Durango. Former Presidents Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo who live in the center of the Country visited the Blocks of the central and

southern region of the country, which were in Queretaro, Acapulco and Oaxaca.

Each Block meeting in general has the following activities:

- Welcome to the Block meeting by CFM National Presidents Marcos and Martha Cebberos.
- Words of diocesan Presidents,
- Words by the Bishop or Archbishop or his representative or in charge of the Family Pastoral of the Host City.
- After the Welcome, the Parade of Banners of the CFM's of each diocese is held.
- The presentation of the National Headquarters Team and the plenary team that was newly in office of the triennium 2019-2022 was held.
- Participation of the Youth Team in youth advocacy activities, anthem CFM for youths.



- Reflection: We got the theme of "Interior Renewal" / Assistant Father of the Diocese
- Presentation of Meeting Objectives and National Team Action lines by CFM



Presidents

- The participation we had, was to present what ICCFM is and a bit of what is being done in the other countries. It was shown that CFM is global; invite them to join us in the mission with their prayers and contributions that help extend the evangelization of families; that CFM Mexico plays a key role in supporting this evangelizing process.
- Presentation of the Youth Project "VIVIT" by Father David Jasso, focused on youths for systematic formation by age range and in virtual platform and also spoke of the Global Pastoral Plan.



- During the meal, after the Blessing of Food, the host diocese offered a presentation of Dances typical of the region.



- In the block meetings there is always a time dedicated to the “Most Holy” performing a Holy Hour with the presence of the “Blessed Sacrament”.



- Also in each meeting is the celebration of Holy Mass. In Tijuana the Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Francisco Moreno Barrón of Tijuana and in Durango by Father Ricardo Saldaña representing the Bishop who was out of town. In the city of Queretaro, the newly appointed Archbishop of Durango Msgr. Faustino Armendáriz Jiménez. En Acapulco the Archbishop of the city Msgr. Leopoldo González González. And in the city of Oaxaca Father Francisco Aparicio Medina.



- One of the activities of the Youth is the "Delivery of

the Pilgrim Cross of Young People" which is present in the pastoral work of young people.

- There were training workshops in which each National area, trained their respective diocesan areas each in



different classrooms, including the training workshop for ecclesial assistants mostly Priests.

- Among these, the Training Workshop for Diocesan Presidents, and for Region Secretaries given by the National Presidents, who gave us the opportunity to live it, as guests, was a great



experience. Subsequently there was a shot of Photos of the Participants.

- In each meeting dioceses carry Offerings that at the end of the event are a raffle to support the host diocese in its expenses.



Missionary Visit to North America on November 04, 2019, Objective Preparation of the Extraordinary Assembly and General Affairs

Meeting with the Continental Presidents of North America and the ICCFM team in the city of Los Angeles, California USA with the assistance of Pip and Wilma Cua Presidents of ICCFM, Wilbur and Juanita Hooker Continental Presidents of North America, Father Nelson Trinidad Ecclesial Assistant to the Continental Team, Renato and Amparito Pronstroller one of the Secretaries of the Area of Unit, Co-responsibility and Finance of the ICCFM , and Dora and Sergio Treviño Vice-



Presidents of ICCFM.

The aim was to prepare for the July 2020 Extraordinary Assembly

One of the items to be revised in the 2020 Assembly Agenda was proposals for a revision to the constitution sent by the President team to the Plenary team.

Additional content of the assembly was discussed as formation topics, and potential speakers. A general outline of the agenda was done.

The quest to build the strongest finances, giving with gratitude 1 dollar and what can be built with this contribution.

Later, general themes of the Movements in North America were seen.

The final subject was a reflection by Father Nelson that exposes: ... 10% of new Catholics enter the Church and 25% come out, which is a challenge, and the Confederation and



CFM's are an important point for doing something for families and reversing this trend. Jesus' message is always valid and the family is very important in society. Father Nelson's recommendation is "to maintain this commitment to families, to the Catholic



Church, it is very important to promote community sense and the promotion of the family." "Canada is a place we have to pay attention to, and we also need to expand more in USA, in more states."

In the end, food was shared in which we all lived.



**XXIX LATIN AMERICAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
– AGLA, held in Salvador de Bahia, BRAZIL on
November 8, 9, 10, 2019**

ICCFM President Team attended and participated in the Latin American General Assembly. In this assembly held by the continent presided over by the President couple of the Latin American Continent Marcos and Alicia Alvarez, also called the Secretariat for Latin America (SPLA), reports were presented by the 3 Zones in which the continent is divided, and also the member countries, there are spiritual and reflection moments, and decisions are made that are of interest to the countries and the continent.

This meeting takes place every 2 years and in one of these, every 4 years there is the election of Latin American Presidents, the

next election will be in 2021. This meeting was joined by the National Presidents of each country, their Ecclesial Assistants - Priests or religious - the Zone Coordinators, the Continental Team, former SPLA presidents and guests.

The assembly was organized by the SPLA together with its Latin American team and the Presidents of Brazil, Rossana and Rubens Carvalho together with their team as host country.

In this assembly 3 Bishops participated full time; Bishop Monsignor Ignacio Gogorza Izaguirre from Asuncion Paraguay who supports both the CFM of Paraguay and the Latin American team, the Bishop of the Diocese of San Juan de la Magana, Dominican Republic that supports the CFM of the





one side of the bookmark is the Prayer for the Families of St. John Paul II and a photo of Presidents Pip and Wilma.

There were 14 countries present out of 18 in which MFC has a presence. Two of

country and Bishop Gerardo Alminaza of the Diocese of San Carlos, Philippines and who is the International Chaplain of the ICCFM.

Also additionally, Bishop "Dom Estevam Dos Santos Silva Filho" of Salvador de Bahia celebrated one of the masses.

During the participation of International Presidents Pip and Wilma Cua, a short video of what CFM's are doing in different countries was presented, as well as what ICCFM is



those who were unable to attend because of the socio-political situation of the country or the CFM were unable to participate, but sent a message that was motivating to be in Prayer with them and for each other and to know that CFM's are supporting their communities as is the case in Venezuela and that the Zone coordinator who are Yorguin and Carolina presented their situation.

There were also some cultural moments, after dinner. There were dances and



doing on different continents in a brief manner. International Presidents Pip and Wilma Cua immediately gave a message, and handed out ICCFM bookmarkers with the photo of Saint Teresita de Lisieux, patron saint of the Mission of this triennium, also on





costumes typical of the countries, where it was lived together with joy and enthusiasm.



In addition to one of the nights, the host country Brazil coordinated a walk through Salvador de Bahia, knowing with a walk through the streets on the shore of the Bay in the center of the city and then getting to know the Church and Convent of San Francisco.

At the end after the event, for those who registered for the tour, some points of the city were known, of which stands out the opportunity to know the "Basílica do Senhor do Bonfim". Arriving in the square in front of the Basilica we saw a lot of people and families, where was the exhibition of the Most Holy, we stayed for a while, in Prayer and then we went to see the Basilica. Outside all the lattice is full of color, as there

thousands of colorful belts tied, which they also sell outside the Basilica. You can ask for three wishes from the Lord represented in three knots, and one day, later return. There are also testimonies of many miracles and thanks to the "Senhor do Bonfim" in a room.

And the other

place to remember



is the View of the Sanctuary of Saint Sweet of the Poor

(Santuário de Irmã Santa Dulce dos Pobres) to the Church of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God.



MISSIONARY VISIT TO VICTORIA DA CONQUISTA CITY, IN BRAZIL, CELEBRATED THE 51th CFM ANNIVERSARY.

11 - 15 November - 2019

Coordinated by SPLA Presidents Marcos and Alicia Alvarez and Brazilian national presidents Rosana and Rubens Carvalho, who attended the ICCFM team and the SPLA headquarter team.



They offered a reception meal with the National Ecclesiastical Religious Adviser, Sister Luzia Cristina dos Santos, leadership couples and CFM members from Vitoria da Conquista and the State of Bahia.

At evening, a CFM Brazil meeting was held with the participation of the different CFM regions of the Communities from Bahia. The initial prayer was made, and a reflection was done by the assistant priest.

The different communities of CFM from BAHIA paraded with their banners:

- VITÓRIA DA CONQUISTA
- PLANATO
- JEQUIÉ



- TEIXEIRA DE FREITAS
- ITAMARAJU
- EUNÁ POLIS
- SALVADOR

All attendees were presented (CFM Bahía Team, SPLA Team; ICCFM team) Message from CFM National Presidents of Brazil, Rosana and Rubens, followed by a message from the Latin American Presidents Marcos and Alicia. The following gave their messages: Bishop Gerry Alminaza, ICCFM Presidents Pip and Wilma Cua, Renato and Amparito of ICCFM of Unity, Co-Responsibility and Finance, and Sergio and Dora ICCFM Vicepresidents. Finally, dinner and a moment of recreation.

INTERVIEW BY RADIODIFUSORA IN "RADIO CLUBE DE CONQUISTA FM 95.9"

In the center of the city of Vitoria da Conquista, Bahia,

there was an interview by Radio Clube in



which the CFM Brazil National Presidents, the SPLA Team and the ICCFM Team participated.



VISIT TO THE HOUSE AND SCHOOL OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF THE POOR OF SANTA CATARINA DE SENA

In the afternoon a visit was made to the



house and school of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Poor from where sister Sister Luzía

Cristina is also the Ecclesial Assistant of CFM National Team, and the children who attend



were very cheerful and courteous, welcomed us, toured the school and presented us with a video of the activities they perform.

There also, later was an **INTERVIEW BY TELEVISIVE CHANNEL BY THE "CANAL TV UESB",** which is a TV channel of the "Universidade Estadual do Sudoeste da Bahia", where they interviewed the different visitors to Vitoria da Conquista and the CFM



President of Brazil, about the Confederation at the International level, at the Latin American level, in the country, what it is for young people and in the other areas of the continent where CFM is present.



AUDIENCE IN THE "CHAMBER OF VEREADORES", IN

COMMEMORATION OF THE 51 YEARS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT IN VITORIA DA CONQUISTA.

On the night, we participated in the Public Audience in "Chamber of Vereadores" (Chamber of Councilors), in commemoration of the 51 Years of the Christian Family Movement in Vitoria da Conquista. By law, in this city, every year on October 31st they celebrate in Victoria da Conquista the CFM'S

Audiência Pública em Comemoração aos 51 anos do Movimento Familiar Cristão em Vitória da Conquista.





DAY, and this year they changed the day to coincide with the Visit of the Latin American Team and the International Team.

It is an event open to citizenship and there where a lot of membership that filled the audience. There were messages from various priests of Vittoria da Conquista who over the years have participated in the CFM, message of 2 leaders, also and CFM members, message from Sister Luzía, the SPLA Presidents, the ICCFM International Chaplain Bishop Gerry and the International Presidents. Among the attendees was one of the founders of CFM in Vitoria da Conquista Isabel Goes who together with her husband Antonio (+) Goes were founders of CFM in the city. The event was televised, at the end there were photos and conviviality.

Among other activities the teams visited the Victoria da Conquista Metropolitan Cathedral and the Curia Museum.

A very satisfactory visit was to see the facilities of the CFM Headquarters in Vitoria



de Conquista that have very good terrain and meeting rooms, an exhibition area where there are recognition plates – photos of recognitions of

those who have been forging the CFM in Vitoria da Conquista, a chapel, and area of activities to collect resources. We shared with Mr. Juracy, one of the CFM builders house and who in the past together with his wife and Maria Lizete (+) were coordinators and very active members in promoting CFM, and later we had a meal that CFM Brazil offered to all visitors on Mr. Juracy's ranch.



There was a mass co-celebrated by Bishop Msgr. Gerry Alminaza in the parish "Nossa Senhora Das Gracias".



The hill of Cristo de Mário Cravo was visited; the visit to the municipal facilities "Stadium Lomanto Junior" which is a football field in Candeias, where it is also used as an outdoor auditorium for meetings of CFM and other activities.



There was also a visit to the "Universidade Estadual Do Sudoeste Da Bahia", the most important university in the city, where they emphasize that the facilities support people with certain limitations such as handrails that have braille inscriptions on the stair for the blind people.

On the night of the penultimate day there was a meeting of the Family Movement with Membership where there were reflections



and dynamics of reflection on the subject they had selected, testimonies on the subject and then a conviviality.



A meal was finally held at the home of one of the CFM members of the national team, where apart there were moments of recreation with songs and music by a



daughter of CFM member and Moises, from the SPLA Youth Coordinator couple.

The hospitality that we each live with our hosts a wonderful cfm'er family Dermeval and Julina, very united and cheerful, together with their son, daughter and her husband and we share many unforgettable moments that were etched in our hearts. Bishop Gerry who was with great hosts Rubens and Rossana, and Renato and Amparito with the Family of Claudio Aguiar.



MISSIONARY VISIT TO PARAGUAY, AND PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE 16TH 15-18 November

The mission visited the cities of “Ciudad del Este” and “Asuncion”, coordinated by SPLA Presidents Marcos and Alicia Alvarez and Paraguayan national presidents José Gerardo and Maria Concepción Morinigo.

The ICCFM and SPLA teams arrived in the middle of the night at Foz de Iguazu airport, where both the Diocesan Team of Ciudad del Este and the host couples met



us.

The following night, we were offered dinner in Hernandarias city, neighbor of Ciudad del Este, in our hosts Luis Roberto and Anselma’s house, who filled us with their hospitality from our arrival at their home. They even prepared welcome signs. Both the CFM Paraguay and the Latin American teams were our hosts.

In Ciudad del Este, CFM National of Paraguay celebrated the 6th National

Plenary at the CFM Retreat House of the Diocese of Ciudad del Este and the date was adjusted so the ICCFM International team would be there. This event was in the CFM house in East City where the



land was donated by a CFM member’s family. The beautiful CFM house has a

chapel, dining room and work rooms and auditorium about to be completed.

Also, another milestone for Paraguay in 2019, is the celebration of the 60th anniversary of CFM in Paraguay.

The activities of the Assembly began with the celebration of the Holy Mass presided over by Bishop Ignacio Gogorza Izaguirre of the Diocese of Asuncion, concelebrated



with Bishop Gerardo Alminaza ICCFM International Chaplain and Father Antony Miers (Father Tony) of Ciudad del Este, Paraguay.

In the assembly, the different dioceses of Paraguay presented the report of their work.



The ICCFM video was presented and a message was given by the Presidents of ICCFM Pip and Wilma Cua and Bishop Gerardo Alminaza.



The facilities of the retirement house built by the CFM were visited, on the one hand,



by a generous donation of the land, by a CFM members Brothers, Arsenia and Calixto Giménez who saw the need for the

CFM to have a retirement home, to hold meetings. Then by the initiative of other CFM members couples they set out to raise funds, and organized bingo to obtain these



funds. For this they got advised to carry it out correctly, and finally succeeded and reached the necessary funds to crystallize what seemed like a difficult dream to achieve and started with the construction, that after almost 2 years the Retirement House is near to be finished.

At the same plenary meeting, the CFM Paraguay gave recognitions for visitors to both ICCFM and SPLA, as well as the CFM members representatives from different parts of the country, delivered presents to visitors.



We travelled by land to the city of Asuncion, capital of Paraguay, to visit the Metropolitan Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption.





A meeting was first held with Archbishop Monsignor Edmundo Valenzuela Mellid and Bishop Ignacio Gogorza, where among other



points the importance of promoting priestly and religious vocations among the members was discussed, and it was commented that several priests and religious have come out from CFM members families, both from Paraguay the Philippines, Mexico, and other countries where CFM is present.

ICCFM Presidents Pip and Wilma, Bishop Gerardo Alminaza International Chaplain, also Bishop Gogorza and Latin American Presidents Marcos and Alicia, held a meeting with the Apostolic Nuncio in Paraguay,



Monsignor Eliseo Antonio Ariotti, at the Apostolic Nunciature in Asuncion. Subsequently the Nuncio attended to the



whole group, giving a tour of the facilities of the nunciature that has beautiful gardens and illustrative sculptures of biblical passages. Finally, a photo with the entire group of ICCFM, SPLA and MFC of Paraguay in the garden of nunciature.

The CFM leaders in Paraguay offered a



delicious dinner and moments of recreation for visitors from ICCFM and SPLA.

from ICCFM and SPLA.

The hospitality was felt since the arrival in Paraguay of the families that welcome us in their homes: Presidents Gerardo and María Concepción, Oscar and Fatima and Bishop Gerry the host was Bishop Gogorza.



MISSIONARY VISIT TO BOLIVIA'S MFC, IN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ DE LA SIERRA November 19 & 20

Welcome with great joy to the ICCFM team in Santa Cruz de la Sierra in Bolivia in the house of a cfm'er couple where they started the hospitality samples welcoming us with a meal, in the midst of a socio-political problem in the country.



Thanks to the coordination of Marcos and Alicia with Bolivian National Presidents Miguel and Alina Céspedes, this missionary visit was carried out.

After we settled, at night there was a national meeting at the CFM house in Santa Cruz, Bolivia where the leaders of most of the regions arrived, even though some roads were blocked.

There at the facility began the meeting with a Mass concelebrated by Bishop Gerry



Alminaza International Chaplain of the ICCFM and Father Miguel Cordova, National Ecclesial Adviser of the CFM.



At the meeting was the National Team, the leaders teams of the different regions and membership of the different regions.

After the mass, reports were presented by Bolivian National Presidents Miguel and Alina, then their leadership team and then those responsible for regions. One that



they highlighted was the progress in the development of the Evangelical Solidarity Project in each Region of the country.

Within the presentations of each region they showed the typical PSE meals and dresses they have.



The President team from ICCFM made a general presentation of ICCFM and, immediately, after giving their message, the Presidents of ICCFM Pip and Wilma had time



to exchange questions and answers.



Finally, there was a cultural moment with dances in folkloric dress of the country carried out by the youth cfm'ers.

At the entrance of the facilities they have box with the important dates that CFM has had in Bolivia.



The Metropolitan Cathedral Basilica of San Lorenzo was visited, prior to the visit with the Archbishop.

The visit was made to Archbishop Sergio Alfredo Gualberti Calandrina where we commented the situation of CFM in Bolivia, and how several cfm'ers leaders traveled to Santa Cruz despite the difficulties, which he

understood the apostolic dedication of them. Pip and Wilma then gave him a commemorative book of the ICCFM's 50th



anniversary.

Presidents Miguel and Alina offered a dinner and where there was an exchange with the leadership team of CFM Santa Cruz. Video messages were recorded for Father Córdova's archdiocese and for the cfm'ers who were unable to reach the assembly.

We were left with a mark by the wonderful hospitality of hosts Miguel and Alina Céspedes, son and family, Carlos and Liliana Pinto and their 2 children, Daniel and Marina Luz Cataldo; and Father Cordova and all the enthusiasm of the cfm'ers families.



MISSIONARY VISIT TO PERU'S CFM IN LIMA CITY NOVEMBER 21-22

The visit was coordinated by Marcos and Alicia of the SPLA with the Presidents of Peru, Cesar and Denissa Sisniegas.

The ICCFM Team were welcomed at the airport and immediately offered a welcome meal was offered by the Diocesan team at the CFM house in Lima Peru.



A meeting was scheduled that night with Lima's team and membership and the next day with the Diocesan team of Lima and of Carabayllo and its membership.

Prior to the meeting, we were taken to the house, museum and health center, where San Martín de Porres was born and then, at a short distance, to the Sanctuary dedicated to Santa Rosa de Lima.

Then, we were taken to visit the Basilica of Santo Domingo, which is a Convent. Bishop Gerry requested to be able to celebrate or concelebrate Mass and as a gift from God, the one chapel assigned to Msgr. Gerardo Alminaza to celebrate Mass was the Chapel

where the remains of St. Martin of Porres are. This Mass marked the final Eucharist of the journey on mission to South America, and they opened it to those of us on the tour that is in the photo next to the burial of St. Martin.



Next to the Chapel of San Martín de Porres, there is also the Chapel with the remains of Santa Rosa de Lima.

At night in the meeting with the team of the Diocese of Lima it was commented on the reason for the visit and that he made the confederation and shared experiences. Msgr. Gerry Alminaza highlighted 3 points that as movements we must promote and attend to:

- 1) Attention to families on the Peripheries
- 2) The promotion of priestly and religious vocations within the cfm'ers families



3) Care for our Home, the Environment.

From here the Bishop said goodbye and began his return journey to the Philippines, passing first through Los Angeles.

The next day, the meeting was also in the evening at the CFM house in Lima and they were from the Lima and Carabayllo dioceses.

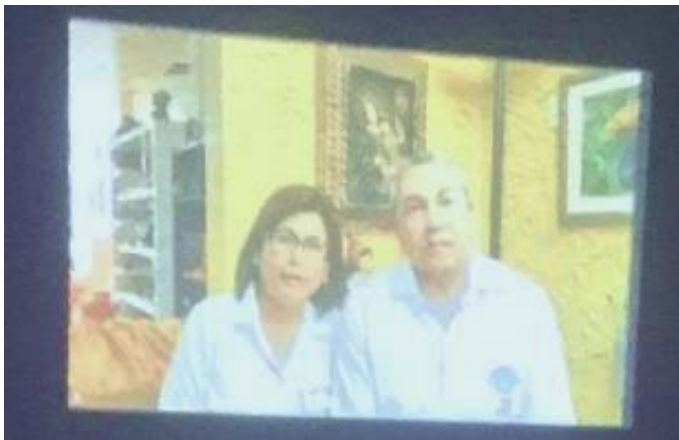
The presentation of ICCFM was made and Pip and Wilma gave a message of motivation to membership, immediately there was a moment of exchange with questions and answers.



Then there were beautiful moments of recreation and sharing the rich foods they offered us.



Finally thank you all for the kindness and hospitality you had for us, thank you very much to our hosts that we carry in our hearts, what we shared together, Naty and Cesar, Pepe and Sonia, and we remember with particular affection Daniel Arraiza who is in the Glory of God and was Host of Pip and Wilma International Presidents and that they, Bishop Gerry, Renato and Amparito and Sergio and Dora accompany in Prayer and spirit his wife Vilma and his family. We know that Daniel is with God and at the same time God is with his family.



It was then videotaped by CFM presidents Cesar and Denissa Sisniegas from the city of



Chiclayo sent a video message for both the Confederation team and Peru's membership.





35TH CFM PHILIPPINES NATIONAL BIENNIAL CONVENTION

By: Elliot & Grace Kam

The Christian Family Movement 35th National Biennial Convention was held last October 25-27, 2019 at the Subic Bay Travelers Hotel in Zambales. It was the most well-attended event of CFM in recent memory, 450 delegates including two bishops, 8 priests, Solos, couples and youth actively participated in the 3-day convention.

During the formal opening of the convention, the 10 Areas and 24 Archdioceses and Dioceses where CFM has active presence were represented and paraded with their banners. The theme for this year was **“CFM Becoming Good News at Home and to the World”**, This jives with the formation of the CFM Philippines Foreign Mission desk to bring our family and life programs to our Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) neighbors like Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaysia.



The National President couple, Elliot & Grace Kam, formally opened the convention and delivered their Valedictory Address. Tokens of appreciation were given to the National Officers, Area VPs and Committee Heads who have supported and helped them during their 2-year term.

The Keynote Address, **CFM in Mission with the Youth**, was delivered by Bishop Bartolome Santos, D.D. of the Diocese of Iba and he, also, presided the Eucharistic Celebration in the afternoon. After Bp. Santos address, Trish Pangilinan a CFM Bacolod CFM Youth leader shared her thoughts and life experience living with a loving and supportive parents thru her article **“One Love, One Family”**..

The delegates came back in the evening with their best Filipiniana attire to attend the **“Night with the Clergy”**. Plaques of

Recognition and tokens of appreciation were given to our National Chaplains, spiritual directors and priests who were present during the evening celebration.

On Day2, October 26; it was the turn of Fr. Deogracias Kerr Galang to enrich the delegates when he delivered his talk on **“CFM Building Bridges on Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Dialogue”**. This was followed by Joey Clemente, Jr. the Executive Director of Socio Pastoral Institute, who imparted to the attendees **“The Relevance of the Spirituality of Stewardship to the CFM Mission”**.

The much awaited **CFM Got Talent 3!** was the main event on the 2nd evening. Aside from the outstanding performances of the entries to the CGT3, there were no dull moment during the night as emcees, Leo Felipe & Larry Mercado, kept the delegates glued to their seats laughing at their jokes and banter.



There were 5 groups who vied for the top prize of 10k and a Holy Family image. The entry of the youth from CFM Iba

(The Greatest Showman) was the 3rd prize winner while that of Our Lady of the Poor Parish **(remix of Bohemian Rhapsody, Grease & Footloose)** won the 2nd prize. CFM Zamboanga’s **Mamma Mia** got the nod of the judges chaired by Cora Ortiz and members, Fr. Pat Villasanta and Fr. Lito Ancla.

In between the contest, CFM Philippines awarded, for the first time, a Quad-Generation award to the Millora-Hechanova families. A Tri-Generation award was given to the Famador family of Christ the King Parish, Greenmeadows.

Day 3 started with a Eucharistic Celebration with Bp. Gerry Alminaza as the main celebrant. Albert Hechanova & Willy Napoles emceed the morning activities that include the induction of the incoming National Officers, Area Vice Presidents and Committee Heads lead by the incoming National President, Boy & Agnes Yambao, and Executive Vice President, Sonny & Thelma Mendoza from the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro. The Inaugural Address of Boy & Agnes followed the induction.



The Diocese of Pasig graciously accepted to host the next national convention in 2021!

Obituary 2019



Luz María Longoria de Álvarez Icaza
19 June, 1924 – 3 March, 2019

She with her husband José Alvarez Icaza † were **Co-Founders of the ICCFM** in 1966
And Founders and First Presidents of MFC Mexico

Nimal Shantha
02 Nov, 1968 – 21 April, 2019

He with his wife Chandima were National Vice-Presidents at CFM SRI LANKA in 2014



Father Fredy Chacón Serrano
6 April, 1932 – 28 July, 2019



-Assistant priest of CFM Costa Rica from 1972 of basic equipment, up to the National team
-Ecclesial Assistant to the Latin American Continental Team and Zonal
-Support for Alvaro † and Margarita Rivera † when they were Presidents of ICCFM

Summary of Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation "Christus Vivit", Christ lives: run faster than the slow and fearful

"Christus vivit"

Christ lives. He is our hope and the most beautiful youth in this world. Everything he touches gets young, he gets new, he gets full of life. Therefore, the first words I want to address to every young Christian are: *He lives and wants you alive!*"

Thus begins the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation "Christus vivit" of Francis, signed on Monday, March 25 at the Holy House of Loreto and addressed "to the young people and to all the people of God".

Document, with nine chapters divided into 299 paragraphs, the Pope explains that it was "inspired by the richness of the reflections and dialogues of the Synod" of young people, held at the Vatican in October 2018.

Chapter 1

In this the Pope resumes the Holy Scriptures and answers the question What does the word of God say about young people? His



answerruns through the Old Testament and recalls figures such as Gideon, Samuel, King David, Jeremiah, Ruth. However, he quotes the New Testament to propose, ""he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger" (Lk 22:26). For him, age did not establish privileges, and just because someone was younger didn't mean it was worth less."

Chapter 2

The chapter is dedicated to seeing the figure of "Jesus Christ Always Young." Inspired by the passage of Jesus and his parents' visit to the temple in Jerusalem, Francis recalls that Jesus is not a loner. Therefore, "thanks to the trust of his parents... moves freely and learns to walk with everyone else." From this fact the Pope infers that: "Jesus had unconditional confidence in the Father, he took care of friendship with his disciples, and even in critical moments remained faithful to them. He expressed deep compassion for the weakest, especially the poor, the sick, sinners, and the excluded. He had the courage to face the religious and political authorities of his time; lived the experience of feeling misunderstood and discarded; felt fear of suffering and knew the fragility of passion".

The Pope draws attention in this chapter to the Church, for the danger of losing enthusiasm and commitment: "We need to create more spaces where the voice of young people resonates." They will help keep her young. "Through the holiness of young people, the Church can renew her spiritual ardent and apostolic vigor." Finally, the Pope remembers

figures such as Mary, St Sebastian, St. Francis and many others, young people who bet and believed in Jesus' project.



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Chapter 3

The Pope titled it: "You are the now of God" and begins by esying the contribution of young people to their local churches: "when the Church abandons rigid schemes and opens heses hem to the available and attentive listening of young people, this empathy enriches it, because it allows young people to make their contribution to the community, helping it to open themselves to new sensitivities and ask themselves unreleased questions".

The Pope invites us to become aware that one cannot speak of a single youth. This is a varied, multicultural reality and is not expressed in the same way that young people are a majority as where young people are a minority. Nor is it the same where young people are closer to

the opportunities offered by globalization than those who live on the margins and bitterness of societies. Those who have families and live with them and those who, through migration and wars, find themselves alone.

In the chapter, the Pope expresses on the subject of abuses: "I want to express with affection and appreciation my gratitude to those who have had the courage to denounce the evil suffered: they help the Church become aware of what happened and the need to react with decision".

The Pope encourages them, recalling that "When they are excited about a community life, they are capable of great sacrifices for others and for the community. Instead, isolation weakens them and exposes them to the worst evils of our time".

Chapter 4

In this chapter the Pope exposes "three great truths that we all need to hear always, over and over again": The firstis: "God loves you. Never hesitate, no more than what happens to you in life. In any circumstance, you are infinitely loved." The second truthis that "Christ, out of love, gave himself to the end to save you." Never forget that "He forgives seventy times seven."The third truthis that "They killed the saint, the righteous, the innocent, but He overcame. Evil doesn't have the last word. In your life evil will not have the last word either, because your Friend who loves you wants to succeed in you. Your savior lives." "The Holy Spirit makes you enter more and more into the heart of Christ so that you

may always be filled more with his love, his light and his strength".

Chapter 5

Ways of Youth is titled the chapter. In it he answers the question: How do we live youth when we let ourselves be enlightened and



transformed by the great proclamation of the gospel? For the Pope youth is a blessed time for the young man and a blessing for the Church and the world. It is a joy, a song of hope and a bliss. Appreciating youth involves seeing this time of life as a valuable time and not as a step-by-step stage where young people feel pushed into adulthood. For this reason, he invites you: "Remen out to sea, get out of yourselves".

Jesus can unite all the young people of the Church in one dream, "a great dream and a dream capable of sheltering all. That is the dream for which Jesus gave his life on the cross and which the Holy Spirit scattered and set with fire the day of Pentecost in the hearts of every man and woman" so that we may be brothers and sisters, committed against violence and defenders of life.

Chapter 6

Young people with roots, the Pope titled this chapter. For him this is a fundamental issue. To have roots is to be connected to a story, to

a family, to a culture, to some friends, to some old people to listen to, although not always to follow. It is not a question of falling into the worship of youth, for we are in danger of living a shallow life, the Pope says and continues:

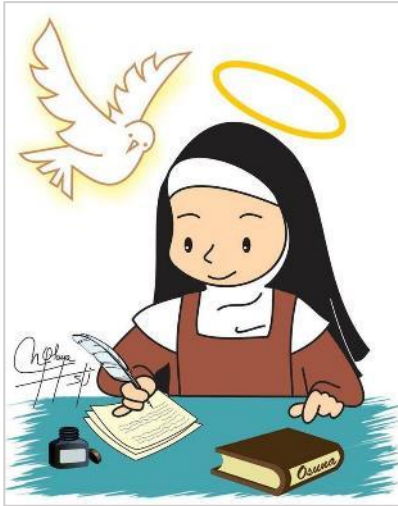
"Dear young people, do not accept that you use your youth to foster a superficial life, which confuses beauty with appearance. You'd better find out there's beauty in the worker who comes home dirty and messy, but with the joy of winning his children's bread. There is an extraordinary beauty in the communion of the family by the table and in the bread shared generously, even if the table is very poor. There is beauty in the heartline and almost elderly wife, who remains caring for her sick husband beyond her strength and her own health".

Chapter 7

This chapter is dedicated to the pastoral care of young people. The Pope states: "it is growing in two aspects: the awareness that it is the whole community that evangelizes them and the urgency that they have a greater role in pastoral proposals". The Pope encourages to find new, creative and bold ways, where the institutional Church is more flexible and synodal, and "offer young people a place where they not only receive a formation, but also allow them to share life, celebrate, sing, listen to real testimonies and experience community encounter with the living God".

Chapter 8

The chapter is dedicated to vocation. For the Pope: "The fundamental thing is to discern and discover that what Jesus wants from each young person is first and over all his friendship". In this friendship, he states, "We are called by the Lord to participate in his creative work, paying our contribution to the common good from the capacities we receive".



Vocation, therefore, "is a path that will guide many efforts and many actions in a direction of service. Therefore, in discerning a vocation it is important to see if one recognizes in oneself the capacities necessary for that specific service to society".

Chapter 9

The chapter is dedicated to this important topic of discernment. The Pope begins from

the fact that "without the wisdom of discernment we can easily become puppets at the mercy of the trends of the moment". He therefore considers: "To form consciousness is the way of a lifetime, in which one learns to nurture the feelings of Jesus Christ, assuming the criteria of his choices and the intentions of his way of working" (cf. Phil 2:5).

The Pope recalls that "The gift of vocation will undoubtedly be a demanding gift" That is why, "When the Lord arouses a vocation he thinks not only of who you are but of all that together with Him and others you can become". On this path, the Pope presents a methodology for discerning the vocation: attention to the person. This action helps for personal discernment and sensitivity to listening to the impulses the other experiences and helping the other to hear these impulses. Thus, discernment is an instrument to follow the Lord.

The Pope ends with a wish: "Dear young people, I will be happy to see you run faster than the slow and fearful. Run, "attracted by that much-loved Face, that we worship in the Holy Eucharist and recognize in the flesh of the suffering brother. The Holy Spirit pushes you in this race forward. The Church needs their enthusiasm, their intuitions, their faith. We need them! And when they get where we haven't arrived yet, be patient to wait for us.".

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Use of mass media for evangelization.

By Pip and Wilma Cúa, International Presidents of the ICCFM.

As part of evangelization through the mass media, ICCFM Presidents Pip and Wilma Cua encourage CFM/MFC to actively write about family and life - the dangers our families face today, the pressing issues and current challenges confronting the families - to define the role of the family in the mission of the Church and to recognize the importance of family in the continued development of society and have these articles published in newspapers or magazines of local or national coverage. CFM/MFC should also continue publishing books and updates on their formation programs and advocacies. Likewise, CFM/MFC are enjoined to have radio programs or television shows on family matters to reach out to families.

The CFM Philippines has a radio program called “A La, Una Ang Pamilya” (translated into English “ Oh, First is the Family”) aired over Radio Veritas (The Catholic Church radio) every Sunday afternoon, from 1:00 to

2:00 p.m . The program is based on the teachings of the particular Sunday Gospel and its relevance to the family in an effort to make Christ its center and core. It also tackles social, economic and political matters affecting the families in their day to day living. Listeners are encouraged to participate by calling or sending text messages. Listeners from abroad can also log in for live streaming. "A La, Una Ang Pamilya” has been on the air for almost 19 years and is one of the longest running radio program of Radio Veritas. With the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit, this CFM sponsored radio program reaches out not only to CFM’ers but to all listeners from different walks in life to journey together towards deeper love for God and our neighbors. ICCFM Presidents Pip & Wilma Cua together with Tony (+) and Tita Kosca, former presidents of CFM Philippines were the co-anchors of the radio program from 2001. They were later joined in by Ting Ajon, Lulu Villacorte, Rene & Amparito Pronstroller, Leo & Mina Felipe, and Larry & Ibeth Mercado, and Jun & Jun& Josie Bicenio.

Finally, ICCFM Presidents Pip and Wilma Cua call upon the leaders of CFM/MFC to seek out opportunities for mass media presence in the regional, national and international levels. The importance to have a face and a voice for family and life must be persistently and vigilantly pursued. The vineyard is vast and wide. To reach out for more families requires evangelization through mass media. Indeed, we all have to **“Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch” (Luke 5:4)**

