Continental Report
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“XIV ASAMBLEA MUNDIAL DE LAS FAMILIAS”
“XIV WORLD ASSEMBLY OF FAMILIES”
Current status of the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements in North America 2016 and 2019

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The purpose of the ICCFM-North America is to promote, encourage and help the Christian Family Movements so that their members continue to grow in the love of God and neighbor by prayer and service to other families, as proclaimed by the Gospel and guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church. The ICCFM-North America shall support the expansion of the Christian Family Movements in the United States and Canada and support the works of the ICCFM in all the other Continents in the world.
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IN NORTH AMERICA

- 2019: 8,360 families
- MFCC-CANADA: 2019: 11 families
- MFC-Los Angeles: 2019: 589 families
- CFM-USA: 2019: 1,200 families

2019: Total families in North America: 10,160 families
Activities that promote spirituality and the Christian life ICCFM- N.A.

**MFCC-USA**

- Group meetings throughout the 4 Year Formation Plan (Team Formation).
- Group sharing and helping each other become better individuals, parents and persons in society accompanied by assessments from clergy, deacons, religious and especially through their commitments of each lesson.
- Retreats for couples
- Retreats for youth
- Reflections at Regional and National Levels
CITIES WHERE THERE ARE “MFCC-USA” IN USA

- California
- Delaware
- Colorado
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Massachusetts
- Maryland
- Michigan
- Mississippi
- Nebraska
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New Hampshire
- New York
- Nevada
- Nevada
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Texas
- Washington
- Wisconsin
- Washington DC
Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico – USA

Restructuring the Nation
Map of the 4 regional areas

El área numero 1 está ubicada en la Diócesis de Galveston/Houston Texas; y cuenta con 7 matrimonios delegados, 31 federaciones y 6 áreas con familia.

El área numero 2 está ubicada en el norte, oeste y sur de Texas, Nuevo México y Mississippi; y tiene 10 matrimonios delegados, 15 federaciones y 12 áreas con familia.

El área numero 3 está ubicada en el este y norte del país, Massachusetts, New York, Washington DC, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Denver Co Región. En total el área regional tiene 9 matrimonios delegados, 7 Federaciones y 24 Áreas con familia.

El área numero 4 está ubicada en el oeste del país; Washington Estate, California y Arizona cuenta con 8 matrimonios delegados, 19 federaciones y 12 áreas con familia.
Achievements and Training material updated MFCC-USA

- Update the book of 4th level (stage).
- Updated the books of 1st and 2nd level (stage) of Mothers to care for the family”.
- A new book of 3rd level (stage) for “Mothers to care for the family”
- Updated the program of Conversation with family”
- Updated the Basic Course Book.
- Updated the Family Conversation Program.
- A program is designed for Children of elementary school.
- Updated the books of the 1st and 2nd stage for Mothers to the care of their family
Achievements and Training material updated MFCC-USA

• It was made a new book of 3rd stage for Mothers to the care of their family.

• MFCC-USA was restructured in the all Nation in 4 Regional areas.

• New 18 areas of the MFCC-USA were opened.

• National Presidents and their team have met with the 34 Regions nationwide to have a closer contact with each of the leaders and give them training. They made them divide the nation into four Regional areas to have a better dialogue and give a better response to the need of each area.

• All those meeting included the visit to 30 leaders and 120 Presidents of the family areas.

• The objective of this meeting was given a correct answer to the challenges and difficulties that they were confronting, as well as to encourage them to greater achievements.
Individual members are acting locally to promote Christian life and spirituality within their own chapters and parishes. They do this by example they set through their participation in their faith community and through their CFM group actions which are based on their observations of the world and their judgement on how to help make it more Christ-like.
Activities that promote spirituality and the Christian life ICCFM - NA.

Visit to Hope Clinic, A Fruit of CFM- USA

Before they began their winter meeting in Ann Arbor, the CFM National Board of Directors on January 2019, Leaders served at Michigan clinic and Food Pantry started by Michigan CFM – USA Member.
STATE WHERE THERE ARE
“CFM-USA” IN USA

- Arizona
- Colorado
- California
- Iowa
- Maryland
- Michigan
- New York
- Texas
- Pennsylvania
- Florida
- Washington
• Book “For Happier Families”
• Book “Meeting Jesus Changes Everything”.
• Book “Loving the Family God Gives Us”.
• Book “Embracing the Mission”
• The 2019 book, is “Together for God”. Focusing on communication especially within the vocation of marriage, has begun production.
• Developing a Strategic Plan for the future.
• Studding recommendation for what is the ideal Structure for a Parish CFM chapter.
• Working with their Chaplin to introduce CFM-US in his diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin.
Supplementing our program books with expanded leader guides
Writing a program for new married couples
Promoting CFM-USA at the San Diego diocese parish leader gathering in October 2018
Having a tabletop exhibit at the Mid-Atlantic Congress in Baltimore in February 2019
Meeting the new director of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth and telling him about CFM and MFCC.
Posting weekly Gospel reflections with a family perspective on our web blog
Writing new program books to appeal to Millennials.
CFM-USA is on Facebook and Twitter
Encouraging local chapters in their service to the poor and hungry
MFC-USA attended to the World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis in Ireland in August 2018.
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MFCC-Canada

- Giving testimony of Christian life, actively participation in the mass; some members will participate as readers, praying the praying the Rosary and Music group at the church.
- In the family level, following the readings in each sessions, analyzing the Bible lectures, sharing our experiences for each couple and practicing the love and mercy that we learn and practice in our actions.
STATE WHERE THERE ARE MFC-CANADA

MFCC – CANADA

• Hamilton, Ontario
Achievements and Training material update. MFCC-Canada

• At this time The Christian Family Movement in Canada is in a period of restructuring, working on the review of the material that they will use in this transition phase
Activities that promote spirituality and the Christian life ICCFM-N.A.

MFC-Los Angeles

• Promote family’s prayer.
• Each year we celebrate Virgin of Guadalupe in procession toward Cathedral church where Bishop Jose Gomez culminates with Eucharistic Celebration.
• Living our meeting according to the liturgical season.
• Kerigma encounter for all members
STATE WHERE THERE ARE MFC-LA IN NA

MFC-LA.

• Los Angeles
Achievements and Training material update. MFC-Los Angeles.

- The MFC-Los Angeles is currently working on updating its three-level training material. They are scheduled to start your 2019-2020 period with their updated first level book.
- Continuing with their other two level's books.
- Also, they have updated the material they are using for Conjugal Encounter.
- They are giving answer in their Internal Apostolate Meeting (Leaders’ meeting) to the needs of the families of Los Angeles, bringing speakers (Priests, Psychologist and Other Professionals) to expose issues that affect families and the community. Also giving training to children and young people who accompany their parents to these meeting.
SERVICES PROVIDED TO FAMILIES OF THE ICCFM IN NA

- Marriage Encounter
- Marriage Re-encounter
- Son and Daughter Encounter
- Family Encounter
- Single Mother’s Ministry
- Training Course for Leader
- Kerygma (first encounter with Jesus)
- Premarital preparation class
- Accompanying in families’ needs
SERVICES PROVIDED TO FAMILIES
OF THE ICCFM IN N.A

• Parenting pointer weekly emails.
• Marriage moments weekly email
• Write yearly program books to guide monthly small group meetings. (CFM-USA)
• Website with resources for families.
• Training materials for small group leaders.
• Marketing materials promotion CFM
Methodology of training in the North American Continent

On the North America Continent, the four Movements, MFCC-USA, CFM-USA, MFC-Los Angeles and MFCC-Canada, apply the methodology of Seeing, Judging and Acting. All topic in their books of training have been elaborated and updated under this methodology.

It seeks to live, in the spirit of evangelical poverty, the values of justice and solidarity. Laity and priests work together to maximize the opportunity to enrich ourselves spiritually.

We are all committed to bring the evangelizing message of Jesus to all families, to both MFC members and non-MFC members.
As a goal we have in our pre-marital preparation that families receive the Sacrament of Marriage and receive the Christian foundations to grow and live their conjugal love. We Offer families, elements to responsibly exercise their paternity.

We are committed so that each family can evangelize and educate their own members.

We work so that each person gets involved in the different activities of the community (both parochial and secular), and we strive to spread the mysticism of the model Christian family of the Holy Family. We educate Ourselves to contribute and participate in the activities of our children's schools and finally we seek to be elements of public opinion in the issues that affect the family.
The social doctrine of our Catholic Church is our inspiration, to promote respect for human life. We are committed to promoting the family, that is the base of the society.

Likewise, we are moved by human solidarity to the most deprived as our beloved Pope Francis repeats so strongly that we go to meet those who live in the periphery, the abandoned, the immigrants.
And finally, U.S. Movements such as MFCC-USA, CFM-USA and MFC-Los Angeles have a service structure appropriate to the needs of each of them, and which our church in the USA allows. Canada is still in a restructuring phase.
Activities carried out by the Continental Presidents team 2016-2019

Throughout this three-year 2016 2019 we have carried out several activities, with the aim of contributing to the development of the Christian Family Movements of North America.

Every month and in person we meet with our service team, Father Nelson Trinidad and the Marriages Sergio and Rosa Rodriguez and Mario and Yanijel de León, with the aim of planning, organizing and evaluating issues pertaining to the Continental MFC.
It is important to mention that we have maintained a good communication with the national presidents trying to contribute and support them in what is possible on our part, as well as by making them reach the guidelines that are sent to us from the team of the Confederation International of Christian Family Movements.

We have addressed directly to the MFC of Los Angeles and for being us part of this Movements was more accessible to be able to accompany them personally.

We have also attended meetings as well as by video conference with the Presidents of the Confederation of Christian Family Movements Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo.
On December 14, 15 and 16, We and Fr Nelson Trinidad traveled to Washington, DC invited by the Presidents of the ICCFM Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo to participate in a meeting with Apostolic Nuncio in the United States: H. E. R. Monsignor Christophe Pierre

Next we present the most relevant activities we had in these three year:
The objective of the meeting was to present to the Nuncio a Report of activities of both the International Presidents of the ICCFM and the activities and works carried out by the Christian Family Movements in North America.

The 1st part of the interview

1.- Jorge y Rosalinda presented the three-year activity report 2013-2016 by the ICCFM.
2.- They commented on the activities or commitments in each of the continents
3.- They informed that they will be serving as Presidents of the ICCFM in the next three years since they were re-elected for 2016-2019.
4.- We were Introduced as the new ICCFM Continental Team for North America.
Part 2 of the Meeting:

We present to the Nuncio a report of the activities carried out in North America and Canada as Christian Family Movements as a:

1. Membership and presence in Canada and the United States.
2. Services to Families
3. ICCFM NA service and structure
4. What are the members of our movement doing to promote Christian life and spirituality.
Meeting with the Apostolic Nuncio in U.S.A. H. E. R. Monsignor Christophe Pierre.
Letter received from Nuncio Christophe Pierre, after our visit.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hooker,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of December 30, 2016, following up on your visit to the Nunciature on December 15th with Father Ragota and Father Trinidad. Having known the Movimento Familiar Cristiano in Mexico, I was happy to learn of the activities of the ICCFM in the United States, in light of the two recent Synods on the Family and the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia of Pope Francis, which builds upon the teaching of Saint John Paul II in his Apostolic Exhortation Familiaris Consortium.

In Amoris Laetitia (n. 88), His Holiness notes that “The experience of love in families is a perennial source of strength for the life of the Church.” The efforts of the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements represents a source of encouragement for families and a true means of evangelization of the family, the first cell of society and a true cradle of love. With its dedicated members and professed witness, the ICCFM is a true sign of hope for families. I want to assure you of my support and prayers for this truly pastoral work.

Commingling you, your staff and members of the ICCFM to the loving intercession of Mary, Queen of Families, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of strength and peace in Christ Jesus.

Offering you my own prayerful best wishes, I remain with cordial regards,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Christophe Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio

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On February 10, 2016, we had a meeting with H.E. Monsignor Jose Horacio Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, California. U.S.A.

Also present were Jorge Rosalinda Carrillo and Fr Saul Ragoitia, who used to be in Los Angeles invited by the MFC Los Angeles to participate in a dinner in honor of the Spiritual Advisor.
Objective:
To introduce ourselves to Monsignor Jose H. Gomez Archbishop of Los Angeles, as the Continental Presidents of North America team of the ICCFM and deliver a report of the activities carried from CFM-USA, MFCC-USA, MFCC-Canada, and MFC-Los Angeles Submit to Bishop Jose what ICCFM does in the USA and the World.

In the meeting room, with Monsignor Jose H. Gomez. Vice President of the USA Bishops Confederation.
Development of the meeting:
1.- Delivery of a commemorative 50 years anniversary ICCFM book.
2.- Delivery and explanation of the triennial report of the presidency of the ICCFM period 2013-2016.
3.- Delivery of Report with situations of the CFM in the USA, by the Continental Presidency team.
Meeting we were invited by John and Mary Poprac President of the CFM-USA.
On their agenda they addressed many points of how CFM can grow and improve.
Some points of agenda were:
Opening Prayer
Membership Summary
Board Outreach to Local Group
CFM Expansion and Efforts
“Domestic Church and other Family programs available
Programming and structure
Programming and Dialogue about the book “Embracing the Mission”.
Meetings and Conventions winter 2018
Finance and Mass
We are grateful to all the team members Boar of Directors. Thanks to Mary and John Poprac Presidents of CFM_USA and Lorie and John Prizbysz, member of the Board of Directors. Thanks for all the support gave us.
We participate in the XVII National Convention of the MFCC-USA. July 14, 15, and 16 of 2017.
The theme of the Convention was: “Families sharing the Love and Mercy of God”
In the city of las Palmas.
McAllen TX, Convention Center
The National Convention started with the Eucharistic celebration, followed with a parade of all the Regional Members and leaders of the MFCC-USA, Continental Presidents, Ex-Presidents from MFCC-USA, and all special guests attending the Assembly.
Loly and Toni Layton, President of the MFCC-USA (at the beginning of the Assembly) Welcomed the whole Assembly, together with his Spiritual Advisor, Father Oscar Siordia.
The agenda was developed by addressing issues that are of great importance to families in the United States. All the topics were in accordance with the objectives of the Christian Family Movement, serving an integral formation of human Christian values and community.

Part of the Speaker were: Priests, Religious Sisters, Singers, Motivators, Psychologists, etc.
In this Convention MFCC-USA made change of leadership such as: Regional Delegates, National Directors, Board of Directors and Nationals Presidents, this change was made with a special blessing for each of them which was made by Fr. Oscar Siordia Spiritual Director of the MFCC-USA.
Presidents and Board of Directors

Presidents y National Directors
The National Convention ended with a Eucharistic Celebration in charge of the Bishop Oscar Cantú of the Diocese of las Cruces – New Mexico.
Continental Encounter March 2018
Conclusions Continental Encounter of Presidents and Board of Directors of North America March 2018

Theme:

“Bridging distances, for the Evangelization of the Families”
Conclusions based on the two following questions

1. - What is the reality that families live in the CFM that you represent?

➢ Lack of time for children.
➢ Children alone at home taking wrong paths, because both of parents are working.
➢ Families with addiction to social networks.
➢ Family where money is the most important
➢ Parents who involve their children in different activities because they do not have time for them.
➢ Lack of integration programs, for children and young people so that they do not feel isolated.
➢ Lack of mechanisms for young people to integrate and collaborate in a service or apostolate.
➢ Dysfunctional couples.
➢ Lack of trained couples to help in different areas of need.
➢ Overworked marriages.
➢ Lack of training for families.
➢ Negative influence of the environment.
➢ Lack of leadership.
➢ Relativism and lack of commitment to the things of God.
2.- What concrete actions can the Christian Family Movements perform to accompany, discern and integrate the families in difficult situation?

- Training for Leaders. (one of the most important for all the attendees).
- Training for servers to open more zones for CFM.
- Training for the servers so that this in turn can accompany the needed marriages.
- Need to open up to the needs of the unmarried, divorced, non-registered in parishes.
- Create more ways of approaching young couples
- That CFM help to make a request to facilitate the process of annulment of marriages for those who qualified and need to get married by church.
- Promote professional help to families.
- Motivate parents to seek support in their communities.
- Listen to the needs of families and help them.
Create means of support for young people and children for integration.

- Emphasize in family study.
- Train couples members, in specific areas in support of the priest.
- Establish a structure in order to reach out to more families.
- Identify the problem of the couple, follow through with the accompaniment.
- Suggest to the family if they need professional help.
- Help encourage families to spend more time with their children and spouse, not to be absorbed by materialism by converting work to their priority.
- Families are not absorbed by too many commitments that cause divisions in the family.
- Promote spirituality in the Christian family movements so that society and the media of communication do not negatively influence in the families of the MFC.
- Connect between the different regions of the CFM to identify resources or how can they be supported.
Create close ties with Retrovaille, or other programs connected to the Ministry of Families. To make them known to the membership, so that they can get help or help someone who needs it.

Unity between all CFM no matter which we belong to since we all have the same problems and challenges:

Families interested in changing their lives, fostering faith and better living with their spouses and children.

Create training mechanisms so that parents can help their children by teaching them faith, human and Christian values, and when they go to colleges they can have fundamentals in their lives and continue to be people of faith.
On March 1, 2019 we had a meeting with Bishop Oscar Cantu, Bishop Coadjutor of San Jose California.

The objective of the meeting was to inform him and ask his advice of some situations and activities that as Continental Presidents we are carrying out, taking into consideration the great experience and help that for many years he have provide to the Christian Family Movements of the United States, and for many years he was The Bishop delegated by the MFCC-USA in the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).
We present a report where we inform him of each Christian Family Movement and the current state of each in The United States and Canada. We Appreciate the help of Bishop Oscar Cantu and his willingness to help us.
Conclusion with a mass celebrated per Bishop Joseph Brennan
All who attended the meeting
PHOTO GALLERY OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENTS OF NORTH AMERICA.
CFM-USA

Creating Community!
Strengthening Families!
Building a parish into a family of families!
Board of Directors and Officers from
Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska, Iowa, California, Pennsylvania, Virginia, & Maryland
CFM Leaders hosted **Marriage Enrichment** and **Recruitment** Events

In-coming Presidents
Brian and Mary Ann Thelen
CFM-USA Publishes Annual Program Books to Teach See, Judge and Act!

Together for Good
A Program Guide for the Christian Family Movement

Embracing the Mission
A Program Guide for the Christian Family Movement

Coming July 2019
Digital Discussion Modules Address Timely Issues

Walking Together:
Brothers and Sisters Responding to Racism

A Program Guide for the Christian Family Movement

The Grand Adventure
A New Call to Grandparenting

A Six-Meeting Program for Grandparents
By Gary and Kay Ackerson
Families gathered food and clothes for parish outreach to the homeless and hungry.
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HIJOS E HIJAS
2017-2018
MFC-Los Angeles-Presidents and Archdiocesan Coordinating Team
MFC-Los Ángeles-Spiritual Advisor
Matthew 20: 25-26
Jesus called them together and said:

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.”