



Country Report  
of  
CFM Philippines

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**CFM Philippines was formed  
February 8, 1956**

**Vision: A Community of Disciples**

**Mission: To be evangelized and  
evangelize others**



# **A. Strategies:**

1. Meeting and sharing in format of observe-judge-act.
2. Formations of self, couples, families and communities.
3. Continuing Education to develop new programs for evangelization and value formation.
4. Guidebooks for discussion of current issues prepared and developed by CFM volunteers.

# **A. Strategies:**

5. As parish-based organizations, get cues from parish priests to address relevant issues in communities.

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6. Develop servant leadership potentials of members through participation in Family and Life Programs in parishes.
7. Conduct periodic assemblies and conventions.

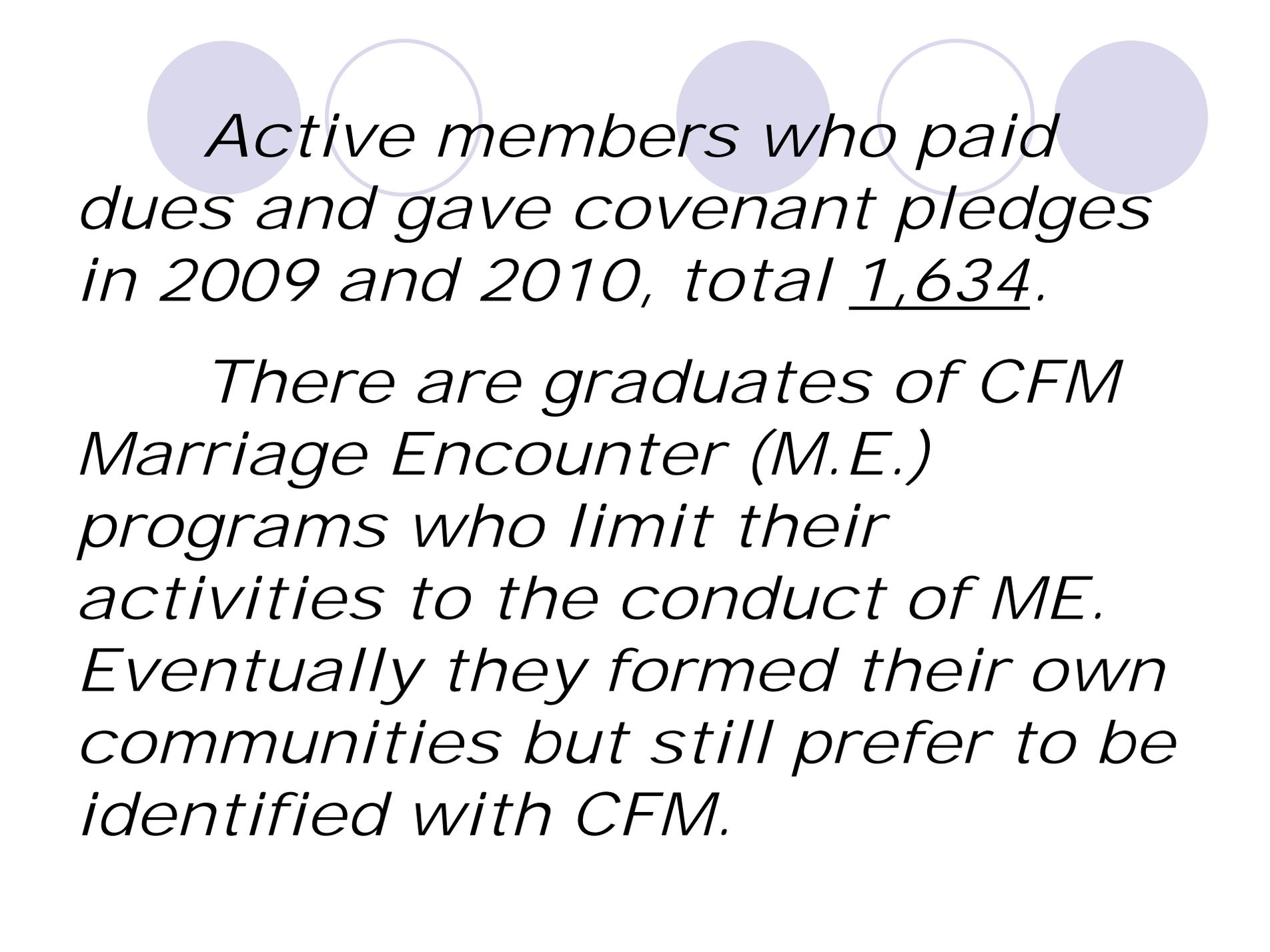
## **B. Services Rendered:**

1. Lobby in Congress against Anti-Life Bills.
2. One-hour radio program weekly to discuss Family and Life issues.
3. Share CFM programs with other communities and schools.
4. Participate in value formation programs of government agencies.
5. Recollections/ Retreats for graduating students and parish workers.
6. Scholarship for seminarians and children of underprivileged families.

## **C. Total Number of Active Members:**

*There is no accurate yardstick to measure membership of CFMPPhil. In the past, needs of the organization were amply provided by generous members. When the number of members has grown, maintenance of accurate rosters stopped. Even collection of membership dues stopped or made purely voluntary.*

*By CFMPPhil By-Laws a "Bona Fide" member is one who attends meeting regularly (twice a month) and pays membership dues.*



*Active members who paid dues and gave covenant pledges in 2009 and 2010, total 1,634.*

*There are graduates of CFM Marriage Encounter (M.E.) programs who limit their activities to the conduct of ME. Eventually they formed their own communities but still prefer to be identified with CFM.*

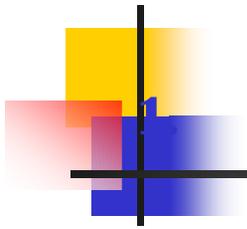
## **D. Achievements:**

- 1. Introduced Marriage Encounter (ME) Program in the Philippines in 1969. It was very popular that today there are more than 70 ME communities all over the country.**
- 2. Played key role in the National Movement for Free Election (NAMFREL) which helped precipitate the series of events that led to EDSA People Power Revolution of 1986 and terminated Martial Rule in the country. Presently, CFM helps to protect the ballots by participating in the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV).**

## **D. Achievements:**

- 3. Its Family and Life programs are now being used by various communities involved in evangelization and value formation.**
- 4. CFMPhil is the forerunner of husband and wife and family organizations in the country. It developed other programs designed not only for couples but also for youth, singles, widows and solo parents. Its Pre-cana seminar for soon-to-be-married couples is required by the Catholic Church.**

## **E. Expectations:**

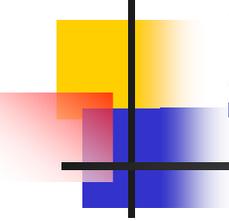


**Membership Development with high rate of retention by pioneering in proactive programs. Volunteerism with short but high quality time.**

- 2. Enhance Servant Leadership potentials of members through Spirituality of Stewardship.**

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- 3. Periodic reviews and evaluations of programs to ensure structured and progressive growth of the organization and consequentially --- evangelization.**
- 4. Evolution from youth to adult programs must be addressed if CFM is to be an authentic family movement.**



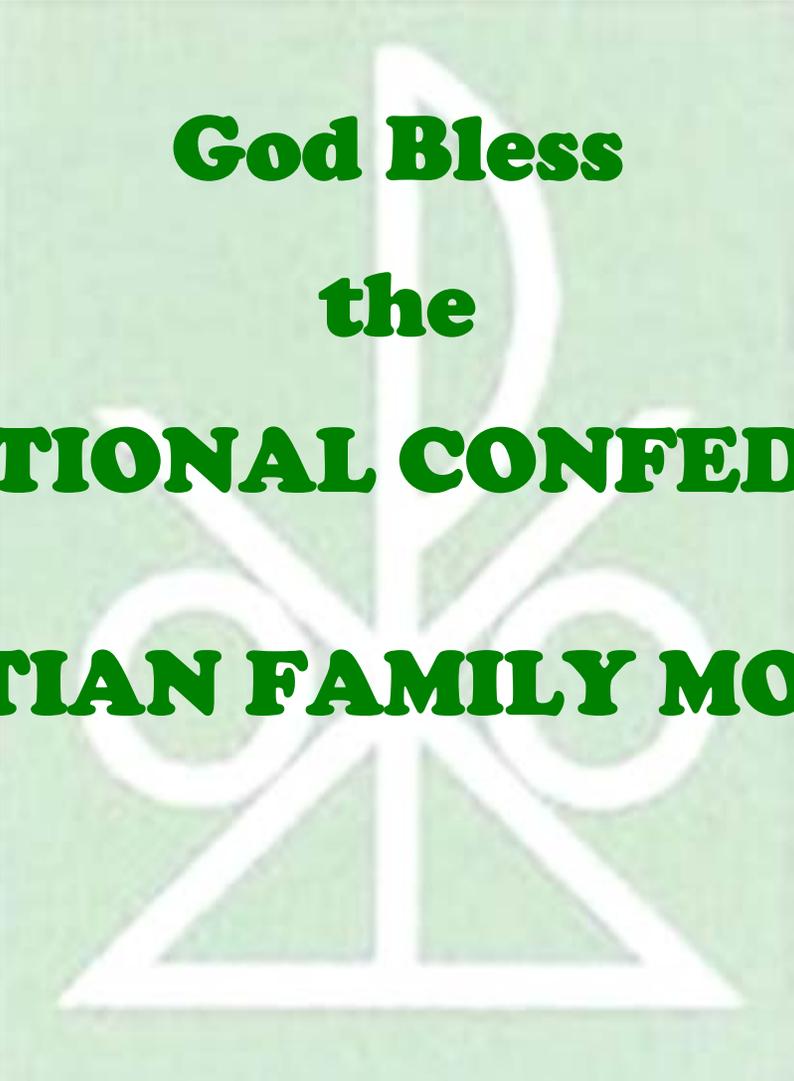
## **F. Challenges:**

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- 1. Lack of commitment.**
- 2. Difficulties attracting young couples who are just building their own careers.**

## **F. Challenges:**

- 3. Due to lack of personnel, monitoring, supervision and control on conduct of shared programs has been left to other organizations. No longer sure if programs were amended/ revised/ changed. CFM Philippines is focused on creating new programs and training prospective implementors.**
- 4. Reliance on affluent members for donations to run the organization has divisive effects. It gives an image of elitist organization composed of rich and bright couples.**

The logo is a white geometric design on a light green background. It features a central vertical line that curves at the top into a shape resembling a stylized 'G' or a leaf. This line intersects with two horizontal lines that curve downwards at their ends, forming a shape similar to a stylized 'X' or a cross with rounded terminals. At the bottom, a horizontal line connects the two lower ends of the vertical line, forming a triangular base.

**God Bless  
the  
INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION  
OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENTS**