

Report at the World Assembly in Goa

CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT CFM Slovak Republic

The fundamental characteristic of the CFM

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The CFM arose in the pale of Catholic Church in Slovakia in the year 1969 as a desire of Christian families for the sanctification and deepening of life in all their dimensions.

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The founder of the Movement is couple Vladimír and Mária Ďurikovič, who are its leader.

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The spiritual father of Movement is Cardinal J. CH. Korec and Slovak Bishop Conference.

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The CFM was active more than 20 years as an underground movement under difficult conditions during the persecution of the Church.

The aim of the CFM

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The main aim of the Movement from its beginning is:

- to create conditions for the spiritual renovation and formation of married couples and families at the principles of evangelization, freedom, love and unity tending to a harmonious family life,**
- to rise the educational level of married couples and families.**
- to help developing good relations between husband and wife in realizing matrimonial inseparableness and in accepting the conceived children**

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The CFM in Slovak Republic yields for members the book “Spirituality of Christian Family Community“ as a fundamental spiritual and practical Christian document for married couples and families. The Spirituality of Christian Families Community.

The activities of the CFM

They can be divided to three kinds:

- formative activities,**

- educational and cultural activities,
- initiatory activities.

Formative activities

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From beginning in 1969 year as fundamental activities the CFM realizes its program in small groups Family Communities.

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Very strong formative program, deeply affecting couples and families and offering not only possibilities to avoid or overcome the inevitable problems, but to grow in ways not even dreamed by previous generations. Such program is called **FIRES**.

This word is an acronym for : Families - Intercommunication – Relationships – Experiences – Services.

What this signifies is that where we have Families whose members Intercommunicate , the members will have deepened Relationships with one another, which bring about Experiences that will thereby enable them to really be of Service to others.

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There is twelve FIRES programs realized through weekends:

- Original Marriage Encounter – OMR is prepared for couples to encounter themselves individually and as a couple.

Marriage Re-Encounter – MRE is prepared for the reconciliation with children while deepening the OMR experience.

- **Marriage Retorno – MR is aimed at an encounter with the Lord as a couple.**
 - **Engaged Encounter – EE is dedicated for an efficacious marriage preparation course.**
- **Sons and Daughters Encounter – SADE is focused for an encounter with self regarding important aspects of one's life.**
- **Sons and Daughter Retorno – SADR is appointed for an Encounter with the Lord, especially through Sacred Scripture.**
 - **Family Encounter – FE is concentrated at encountering one other as a family.**
- **Self-Encounter – SE is presented for individuals in all walks of life.**
- **Self Retorno – SR is placed for an encounter with the Lord, especially through Sacred Scripture.**
 - **Pre – Conjugal Encounter – PCE is a new FIRES program prepared for couples living together without the marriage sacrament.**
 - **Priest Encounter – PE is an re-evaluating one's vacation; evangelizing through families and priests; etc.**

All programs and service of FIRES was originated by the same person who founded Original Marriage Encounter, Fr. Gabriel Calvo, in the collaboration with couples and families who shared a common vision.

A six hour FIRES program for families to help deepen their communication is called Family Communication Workshop – FCW.

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With respect to that Slovak Bishop Conference received the FIRES programs to The 7 – year Pastoral Plan and Fr. Gabriel Calvo gave the written permission to president of Movement such the CFM can realize the FIRES in Slovak Republic.

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Educational and cultural activities

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The CFM organizes “ Courses for Family Laity Apostolate - CFLA. Its purpose is to educate animators, coordinators and organizers for the FIRES prgrams; moderators and organizers of the Family Communities; fellow-workers and creators of new CFM programs; collaborators for harmonic life of the marriages and families and all the CFM programs.

All fellow-workers of CFM have to be creative; believer; open; character; communicative; independently ,unselfishly and enthusiastically working.

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An especial course is dedicated to the preparation of engaged couple lectors before receiving the marriage sacrament..

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The CFM had the 40th Anniversary of its existence and work and 25th Anniversary of a publication of two periodicals “Family Community” and “Family” in 2009. With respect to the opportunity the Conference “Family in the Service to Families” was realized with 250 participants and 4 bishops in 2009 year.

The magazin Family community was published 5 year as “samizdat”.

We participated at the International Conference in Pannonhalma in 2009

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In frame of the edition work the CFM publishes the family literature. The last book edited by CFM in 2006 year was “For the Harmonic Marriage “ from authors V. Ďurikovič and H. Zavorská.

Initiatory activities

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Very attractive for many families are “Summer and Winter Family Trips”. They are realized every year in interest, different places of Slovakia in two-weeks intervals. The program is touristic, recognizing, educational, social, cultural, spiritual and personal.

Dear Lady and Gentleman, in the conclusion of my contribution allow me to inform you that in 2010 year the CFM obtained two significant appreciations:

- 1. First of all it is by Holy Father Benedikt XVI:
“*The Knight Order of St. George Great*”
for the President of CFM Vladimír Ďurikovič.**
- 2. And second it is from the international organization
“*Forum of Life*” which appreciated
The Christian Family Movement in Slovak Republic
by the “*Worth for the Protection of Life*”.**

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**Thak you very much for your attentions!
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