



International Confederation of Christian Family Movements



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT COUPLE

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Dear CFM Members,

Not a day passes when we do not think of you and pray for you, whom God has blessed us to know and to love in the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements. Our most gratifying times during the past year were when we visited you and participated in your wonderful activities as families and for families. The celebration of the Birth of Jesus brings 2006 to an end, and although there is much ICCFM information we need to impart, this present letter aims only to convey our Christmas wishes.

“Glory to God in the heavens and peace on earth to men of goodwill!” (Luke 2:14)

While the chorus of angels sings “Glory to God in the heavens,” let our Christmas message be “Peace on earth to men of good will”—both peace of heart and peace in the world.

Because our family is God’s precious gift to us and thus our utmost concern, family members can be the greatest challenge to our peace of heart. For example, we CFM members commit ourselves to family evangelization and apostolic service, and yet our CFM children have gone their varied ways, not always according to our best hopes. Some CFM children have become CFM leaders in their own right, while others have disregarded the CFM or have even gone “astray.” Why? Only God knows the answer, but let us keep our peace of heart. As people of “good will,” we can place our complete trust in God, that He will never abandon us and our families in our prayers.

This Christmas we should also consider how best each of our families can foster peace in the world. Conflicts result from selfishness, which seeks personal benefits without regard for the welfare of others. Let us commemorate our Savior’s birth by being generous and bringing hope and comfort to the poor and the sick—to those who are needy in any way. Christmas is the time to be benevolent, the time to foster peace. Sunday, December 31, 2006, is the Feast of the Holy Family, the ICCFM Universal Day of Prayer. When we think of each other with fraternal love and pray in unity for the intentions of our International Confederation on this very important feast, let us repeat the invocation of our Holy Father Pope John Paul II:



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"May the Holy Family, who had to overcome many painful trials, watch over all the families in the world, especially those who are experiencing difficult situations. May the Holy Family also help men and women of culture and political leaders so that they may defend the institution of the family, based on marriage, and so that they may sustain the family as it confronts the grave challenges of the modern age!"

We end with fervent prayers for God's blessings upon all of us. May the rich flow of our praises to God's glory and the Christmas blessings of peace and goodwill remain with us all our lives.

**Affectionately,
Nop and Elma**