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The ICCFM Mission is to promote, encourage and help the Christian Family Movements so that the organizations and their members live their human and Christian vocations and bear witness to the essential values of the family, based upon the faith as announced by the Gospel and proposed by the teachings of the Catholic Church. The Confederation shall support the expansion of the Christian Family Movement in those countries where it is established and will try to establish it where it does not exist.

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CFM OUTREACH—in unity with two great Pontiffs of the millennium

The CFM is looking beyond the walls of the family to show “generous solidarity towards the multitudes . . . suffering and dying from poverty and hunger” (Pope John Paul II) and to promote



“ . . . give also to us the strength to show generous solidarity towards the multitudes who are even today suffering and dying from poverty and hunger . . . ”

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“true social development . . . that respects the dignity of all human beings” (Pope Benedict XVI). CFM brings to its mission the gifts of prayer and action, committed to serve people in its communities and throughout the world. Outreach activities from Latin America, the USA, India and the Philippines attest to this commitment.



“From God I invoke unity and peace for the human family and declare the willingness of all Catholics to cooperate for true social development, one that respects the dignity of all human beings.”

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear ICCFM Members,

This LINK issue is an Annual Review covering July 2004 to June 2005. A long time has elapsed, indeed, but thanks to technology, we have been able to communicate through e-mail, individual or general, during the past year. Our ICCFM presidency has been quite blessed in the sense that we have instant access to each other. However, LINK has taken longer to organize because we want to make it as comprehensive as possible. Thanks to everyone who has contributed, and very special thanks to Emilio Wong of the MFC Latin America Secretariat for the Spanish translation for LAZO.

The IX World Assembly of Family and XIII ICCFM General Assembly news, photos, documents, proceedings and minutes have long been posted on the ICCFM website and/or sent by e-mail. We hope you have taken the opportunity to seek information through the website. ICCFM Webmaster Andy Pozdol, whose



efficiency is unsurpassed, instantly updates the website as soon as he receives a contribution. He is *impatiently* waiting for ALL of us to send in something to share: news, best practices, messages. Since the last World Assembly, Dario Saenz of MFC USA has helped us with the Spanish translation. With Emilio, the main translator of the ICCFM website, and Dario, Spanish-speaking Andy has no problem maintaining both English and Spanish websites—if only we send in the material! E-mail contributions to both

webmaster@iccfm.org and to president@iccfm.org or mail to our postal address.

Please await our letters and visit the ICCFM website for more recent news. May God bless us all in both our daily lives and our work in the ICCFM!

With our love,
Nop and Elma Muangkroot

IX WORLD ASSEMBLY OF FAMILIES and XIII ICCFM GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ICCFM 13TH WORLD ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS (in summary form)

Resolution No. 1

We resolve to promote the vision, values and virtues of Christian Marriage and family through prayer: in the family (e.g. meal prayers, Bible study, at family rituals), in the Church (e.g. at liturgical celebrations, organizational meetings) and in society (e.g. at civil functions, public gatherings)

Resolution No. 2

We resolve to promote the vision, values and virtues of Christian marriage and family through action: in the family (e.g. family meals, family meetings, family outreach, family education) in the church (e.g. programs, liturgies, retreats, CFM) and in society (e.g. dialogue with government representatives on issues such as war and peace, housing, health care, domestic violence, and the dignity of life.

SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTIONS BY WORKSHOP GROUPS

Group I: Emphasize family spirituality through personal relationship with Christ and through prayers. Start praying with the family. Share resolutions through the ICCFM website.

Group II: Pray as individuals and as couples. Witness to others. Trust God.

Group III: Learn more about Church teachings and be more responsive to communities, to become more effective, to initiate collaboration between clergy and laity

Group IV: Be authentic, faithful and in solidarity with the Church

Group V: Review the OJA Methodology, strengthen and update materials and explain to the whole community (CFM). Strengthen the education of children in the family

Group VI: Affirm the value of human life. Advocate against all violence, especially domestic violence.



Opening of the World Assembly of Families



Opening of the ICCFM General Assembly



Rev. Fr. Ken Weare led a special committee which summarized the resolutions from all the workshops.



World Assembly Coordinating Committee



Group Picture