

IX WORLD ASSEMBLY OF FAMILIES and XIII ICCFM GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Carlos and Yolanda Jurado

ICCFM HYMN

by Yolanda Jurado and translated by Elma Muangkroot

CHORUS

Let us sing together joyfully
For the Church and for the family
Let us cast our nets into the sea
To gather all humanity

Verse I

To serve the world is our resolve
To be in homes a voice of hope
With open hands able to help
All families are in our scope

Verse II

To form in all a joyous power
Together seek a loving union
Tell the world our firm intention
And fulfill our social mission

CHORUS

Verse III

We come from different continents
Pledging a friendly harmony
Our goal to form communities
May soon become a reality

Verse IV

As in the home of Nazareth
All united in work and commitment
So we spread the Confederation
Of Christian Family Movements

CHORUS

**We are the Christian Family
Movements!**



From Croatia and Hungary



From El Salvador



From Malta



From Mexico



MFC Los Angeles and MFC Las Vegas



From Panama



MFC USA



From Portugal



From the Philippines

Father Pedro Richards

On the occasion of the visit of His Eminence Alfonso Cardinal Lopez Trujillo, President of the Pontifical Council for the Family, to Buenos Aires, Argentina, a Conference and Eucharistic Celebration in honor of the life and work of our Founding Father Pedro Richards was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2005, at the auditorium of the Catholic University.

Remembrance

by Lucy and Jorge Calvo

At 6.30 am, October 30, 2004, God called to His Kingdom our beloved Father Pedro Richards, founder of the Christian Family Movement in Latin America.

It has been 56 years since Father Pedro Richards, passionate visionary missionary, whose "passion" was the family, preached a return to Catholic Action in San Martin de Tours (Buenos Aires), that gave rise to the first meeting of a group of married couples. Father Pedro Richards was without a doubt a man of faith, faithful mirror of the marriage charism of Christ that the Holy Spirit inspired.

He believed in the possibility of the family apostolate, procuring to restore and to revalue such a thing so sacred as marriage. He presented himself to the world as an example of an indefatigable missionary, who traversed the



Fr. Pedro Richards

roads of Latin America, bearing the message of Jesus and, together with Him, the good news about marriage and the family.

Passionate about the family apostolate, he lived an intense life of commitment, generosity and service, obtaining a perfect synthesis of intelligence and heart.

Three components character-

ized his fruitful priestly and missionary life:

- Testimony of spirituality
- Communitarian life
- Action among families

Deeply Marian, one of his wishes was that families pray the rosary.

He manifested his concern for all the CFM and the present difficulties, advising that the stones that

such difficulties symbolize, we transform into steps to attain sanctity.

Finally he requested that we do not allow the torch of the Christian Family Movement to be extinguished. He has left his tracks but he will continue to be the "Sentry of the Family."

What shall remain for always, impressed in our memory and our heart, is the last picture we have of Father Pedro, in his room at the House of Nazareth, very weak, but still very conscious and able to communicate his anxiety for the future of the Christian Family Movement and his infinite love for the whole CFM family.

May he rest in the Peace of the Lord!



◀ Lucy and Jorge Calvo



The Passing Away of Lucy Calvo

Dear friends and brothers:

The past 16th of July, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lucy was called by God to His presence. I firmly believe that her soul is rejoicing in the

Glory of the Lord and intercedes for all of us, for me, for my children and my grandson, for all the Christian Family Movement.

Jorge Calvo