

**INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENTS  
ICCFM  
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The Christian Family Movement in North America continues to be comprised of CFM USA, MFCC USA and MFC LA. All entities of the movement are well managed with strong leadership and modest growth in many sectors. CFM USA has a membership of 1018 family memberships. MFCC USA is very proud to have reached their goal of 5000 families and MFC LA has stable growth with 490 families. The three movements support the ICCFM with annual contributions.

MFCC USA is working diligently to develop MFC in Canada. There are a few CFM groups in various communities across Canada but they are not organized as a national movement.

John and Lauri Przybysz have been appointed as the North America Representative Couple to the ICCFM. Fr. Don Conroy is the North America ICCFM Chaplain. Andy Posdol continues to serve as the ICCFM webmaster.

There is a North America ICCFM Secretariat that consists of the current officers of the movement in North America (CFM USA, MFCC USA, MFC LA), the Chaplains, the former Executive Directors of the CFM USA, former officers of the ICCFM which include the former North America Representative Couple, former officers of the ICCFM from North America and the former presidents of the movements in North America.

The leadership of the three active Christian Family Movements in North America is as follows:

<b>CFM USA</b>	<b>Bob and Anne Tomonto Palmetto Bay, Fl USA</b>	<b>Year 2 Term 1</b>
<b>MFCC USA</b>	<b>Juan and Theresa Rodiguez Houston, Texas USA</b>	<b>Year 3 Term 2</b>
<b>MFC LA</b>	<b>Wilbur and Juanita Hooker Los Angeles, California USA</b>	<b>Year 2 Term 1</b>

Each movement has an assigned Chaplain or Spiritual Assessor as follows:

<b>Fr. Donald Conroy</b>	<b>North America ICCFM Chaplain</b>
<b>Fr. Thomas R. Rzepiela</b>	<b>CFM USA</b>
<b>Fr. Raphael Davila</b>	<b>MFCC USA</b>
<b>Fr. Jorge Penaloza</b> <b>Fr. Jose Sosa</b>	<b>MFC LA</b>

**There are 17 CFM/MFC members in attendance at the ICCFM 11th World and 15th General Assembly in Goa, India. They represent members on the ICCFM Secretariat, current and former presidents of the MFC LA and current and former leaders and former chaplain in the CFM USA.**

### **CFM USA**

**Membership is 1018 families in the CFM USA. Bob and Anne Tomonto are in their first term as Presidents. Fr. Thomas Rzepiela is the National Chaplain of the CFM USA. The Executive Director couple, Paul and Missy Parkison are serving their second year in the National CFM office in Evansville, Indiana.**

**The officers and Board of Directors of the CFM USA meet twice annually. They are working on ways to more effectively and efficiently advance the mission of CFM. The mission is "To promote Christ-centered marriage and family life. To help individuals and their families to live the Christian faith in everyday life. To improve society through actions of love, service, education and example".**

**This focus includes the development of on-line resources to supplement annual social inquiry books and the use of new media to communicate with members. They are working to provide support to local leaders in organizing CFM groups and nurturing leaders.**

**In the past year, CFM USA leaders attended the national conference of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers and a seminar on Vocation Awareness that focused on the influence of families in the development of vocations.**

**A team consisting of John and Lauri Przybysz and Fr. Donald Conroy were invited to a planning meeting sponsored by the Pontifical Council on the Family at the Vatican "to explore the family, a subject of evangelization." Various actions were solicited and submitted from the ICCFM in many countries. Gary and Kay Aitchison from Ames, Iowa USA were selected from the USA to present a paper on "Grandparents learn to be Agents of Evangelization."**

Families are looking for the community and solidarity CFM offers. The challenge is to engage new families and sustain groups across leadership transitions. In this difficult economic climate, the challenge is compounded as we assist families with yearly dues and meet operating costs given declining donations. CFM USA remains committed to ministering with families, forming disciples and transforming the world in service to Jesus Christ.

CFM USA publishes an annual inquiry for its membership.

### **MFCC USA**

The MFCC USA, the Catholic Christian Family Movement for Hispanics in the USA, has passed the 5000 families mark in membership and continues to grow. Their largest membership concentration is in the western, southwestern, and southern states. The leadership would like to see increased growth in membership but has been restricted by the economy and immigration issues in the USA.

The MFCC USA is organized with the following leaders:

Presidents	Juan and Theresa Rodriquez Houston, Texas
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National Chaplain	Fr. Raphael Davila
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The MFCC USA National movement is organized with National Work Teams, a National Executive Board, a National Board of Directors and a National Secretariat. The team effort has been very fruitful in organizing the movement and promoting growth.

The MFCC USA has been expanding to many new areas and has experienced growth in membership as a result of this work. In program materials, the Curso Basico Manual and the First Level Manual have been revised and updated. They are in the process of updating their bylaws.

The MFCC USA has been progressing in the use of audio-visual and electronic materials for training purposes. A library of materials is available.

There has been initial communication between the MFCC USA and MFC Mexico regarding programming application to immigrant families entering the United States.

The national leadership feels that the Spiritual Directors (Bishops, Priests,

**Deacons and Sisters) have provided invaluable assistance in the direction of activities of the movement. Together, with the families of the MFCC, they are working for the spiritual and moral development of the Hispanic families in the USA.**

**The MFCC USA will hold their next National Convention in Houston, Texas in July of 2011.**

### **MFC LA**

**The MFC LA movement consist of 490 families in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, California. They have added four parochial groups and are calling a higher percentage of young couples and families to the movement.**

**The Presidents of the MFC LA are Wilbur and Juanita Hooker. The Spiritual Assessors are Fr. Jorge Penaloza and Fr. Jose Sosa.**

**There are monthly meetings for the purpose of motivating Christian leadership. They provide conjugal encounters for the membership, a basic Christian family movement course and provide special marriage talks every month. All programs are focused on the evangelization of families in the MFC.**

**The MFC LA has developed a website. They have worked to enhance their parish programs. They have developed workshops to motivate and evangelize their membership through a process of formation. They continue to seek ways to motivate the membership to incorporate Christian marriage and family values into family life.**

**In the coming year the MFC LA will work to enhance their basic course for Christian families. They have developed a project of work with children and young people.**

**The MFC LA will focus more attention on working with families with unmarried and single mothers. They plan to open new parochial groups in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.**

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