

Country report of Rumania, Diocese of Oradea.

Rumania is the latest country added to CFM Europe. The story of this country started with a young priest, studying in Rome, who met Mons Charles G. Vella; and was sent by him to Malta to study English. Staying for one month at our home, we explained all about CFM group families and had sessions with him in our groups.

The idea was super for him where the families had nothing of the kind to support their faith. Relations continued to grow and he also attended the general annual meeting of Italy in Prato. We were also present there and he was very keen to start in Oradea. We got in contact with the Diocesan Bishop, Mgr Bercea, whom we visited; and CFM started moving with the Bishop's approval. We pushed and helped with a few parishes where CFM was gladly accepted and attended. Now after 8 years of visits and contacts, CFM Rumania groups of families have accepted the statute and are gladly working in the "Observe, Judge, and Act" method.

Now CFM in Rumania is in six to seven parishes, and in every communication we get the good news of an increase. We visited Oradea about four times and saw their work. The priest in charge, Padre Mihai Tegzez, is now the National Chaplain as well as the rector of the Oradea cathedral. He is working with the help of a good number of Franciscan fathers and Diocesan priests

At first we helped them with the schemes of monthly group work, but now they are planning their own and in October they are starting their schemes on the Book of Tobia.

Besides seasonal and occasional family retreats, they are also starting on weekends of marriage encounters. In 2010 they also organised a trip to the Holy Land, meditating on the life of Christ, in the footsteps of Our Lord.

For 2010 – 11, lots of retreats are planned in various parishes of the diocese and a national retreat in Malta, yet to be planned. We have seen their work and enthusiasm; we can now say that they have absorbed the spirit of CFM.

For the time being we hope to continue encouraging with the possibility of contacts, both in communications and visits to water the new plant.