

We are very glad to participate in this meeting. **COUNTRY REPORT – Hungary** *300 families*

Last year we celebrated the 10th anniversary of starting CFM in Hungary. Since the very beginning we have been encouraged by Bishop Laszlo Biro, and assisted by some great friends and colleagues. It is in this way that we have been able to help more than 50 groups to start and work in parishes in different parts of our country. *There are in one area there are also 4 CFM youth groups for regular meeting of the teenage kids of families CFM couples. (about 50-60 young people)*

The task we have faced for the past few years has been to cope with growth and at the same time to keep up personal relationships, instead of letting CFM Hungary become a large, impersonal organization. Therefore we have made great efforts at creating regions by asking some CFM group leader couples to take responsibility not only for their own group, but also for some other groups in their area. We have managed to set up 6 geographical regions with excellent regional leader couples who keep personal contacts with 6, 8, or 10 groups in their region.

We are convinced that personal contacts are the key also to solve the greatest difficulty, which is a consumeristic attitude on the part of some couples and groups: they want to use our booklets but are not willing to belong to the community of CFM Hungary. This is a difficulty we face at all levels and try to fight by building personal contacts.

The ideal would be to have about 6 groups belonging to one regional leader couple, just as it would be ideal to have *not more than* about 6 couples belonging to a CFM group. This is a future plan to keep us busy.

Our activity has been helped greatly by our Internet site, which opened in 2005. More and more often that couples and groups find us through the Internet. This website is also available in English. You can find the site name on *these* leaflets. *that you can find outside on the tables*

CFM Hungary offers 10 booklets for the groups to choose the most suitable and use it at group meetings. These booklets contain outlines for 10 monthly group meetings each, and they have been produced by a board of 3 couples including Kalman+Vera and ourselves. By now, however, several couples have joined us in creating the new booklets, especially young couples who have joined CFM after experiencing a FIRES Engaged Encounter weekend, and we coordinate their work. One of the new booklets focuses on Saints. Each group meeting will concentrate on a saint and a virtue associated with that saint and on how that virtue can be realized in the daily lives of Christian couples and families. Another booklet, designed by Kalman and Vera and also planned to be printed this autumn, is concerned with the life of our groups themselves. Based on the ideas of Jean Vanier, they deal with the joys, difficulties and development of small Christian communities like CFM groups.

Besides offering these booklets, we also regularly offer Fr. Gabriel Calvo's different FIRES weekend programs for young people, engaged and married couples, families, individuals and priests. These programs, or special retreats if you like, are open to anyone inside or outside of CFM, and as such, they are the greatest feeders of CFM Hungary. We are grateful for the opportunity to be able to share with you tomorrow some of our experiences with FIRES and especially to show you some beautiful pictures that reveal more than just the surface. Our FIRES service is also available on the Internet both in Hungarian and in English; you can find that site name also on those leaflets ...

B Last year we *were* ~~have been~~ asked by George and M'Lousie Sammut – the European President couple - to consider hosting the next European CFM Meeting in Hungary in 2009. After details have been finalised we will invite all of you to come Hungary in 2009 and attend the next European CFM Meeting. This will give you an opportunity to experience our living Church together with the community of many young families of CFM Hungary. Please pray for this next European CFM Meeting so that it be an inspiring encouragement in line with the Lord's will.