

## MFC-USA REPORT

We are Juan and Teresa Rodriguez, National President Couple of the MFC-USA and respectfully submit the following report; we are following the format sent to us by Gary and Kay, and in regards to the issues order, we state as follows:

**7.1** The present number of active members in our association is 2,500

**7.2 A. and B. together, notable achievements.-** One of our MFC's most notable achievement since 2004 has been our Triennial National Convention; the last one, held in Tucson Arizona on July 2005 in which our membership was exposed to different workshops and conferences which contributed to the enrichment their lives, both in the spiritual and civil areas.

Some other achievements are the yearly Regional Conventions which are held by most of our Regions, their purpose and accomplishments are the same as our National one.

Our Movement with its organizational programs and imbedded methods ideas and plans, produces or carries on constant Notable achievements. Our association is very complete and thorough, its goals and achievements are excellent. Another activity which accomplishes great things for our members is the so called "General Meeting", which is carried on three times a year in most of our federations and serves the purpose of giving our members a better spiritual and civil formation. Our different "Services" which are mainly the programs offered by father Gabriel Calvo such as the Conjugal Encounter, Sons and Daughters, Single Mothers, Vocations. etc.

We hold special monthly Masses in our federations with the attendance and participation of our membership.

Our Movement constantly evangelizes other families by reaching out to every one who gets interested in it and takes advantage of the just mentioned programs. We are in a constant state of evangelization.

**7.3 Our three main activities which have been implemented** are the use of a better "*Curso Basico de Capacitacion*" or Capacitation Basic Course, which is a training program for our leaders that has to be taken by all once a year. The Manual itself is in the process of being updated.

Another activity is the increase of travel or visitation of Members of the National Leadership to the Regions and federations according to their needs.

Another one is more communication with our bishops, which has been a very positive experience with abundant fruits for our organization.

**7.4 In the expansion of our Movement into new areas**, we shall mention that the MFC for Hispanics in the USA, has made some inroads into Canada, where is expected to flourish. Also in the USA we have been taken it to other States like Massachusetts, Minnesota and Oklahoma, with a great expectancy of taking it to many more states. We had to divide one of our bigger Regions (East Texas) into 3 smaller ones so that we can manage and bring our MFC to more families, that division, or as we call it ' Reestructuration" has been a great success and it has already produced excellent results. Another very successful Reestructuration is now taking place in the Houston Federation (our biggest) where Father Davila has taken an essential participation.

**7.5 What links do we have with Church functions?** The MFC-USA usually have a close relationship with the Dioceses where it operates, they list us under their Family Life Office or similar. The local bishops and parish pastors give us all their support; we think it is because they know and see how beneficial our organization is to the parish life.

**7.6 About the top three evangelization ministries in USA:** We shall mention that for the Hispanic population, The MFC-USA is the main one that more directly and effectively evangelizes the family. Another association similar to ours is the Christian family Movement from Mexico, which parallels ours in more than one way; We would like to clarify their situation in The USA and see why they claim all the Dioceses of USA as one of their Regions. Can any one help with this matter?

There could be some other different minor local groups working in the Dioceses.

**7.6 How are we funded.** The MFC-USA is a non profit organization and gets no subsidy from nobody, we survive with our membership fees at the National level, and at the local levels most federations besides those fees have some fund risers. Our only suggestion is to educate the membership in their responsibility to support our organization. Which is what we do.

**In regards to positive and negative impacts on our membership,** We could say that some of positive ones are the interest the National leadership takes in the regional and local problems, **communicating** with the local leadership and seeing to their problems and needs. Another one is The creation of the F.U.E.E. plan, which means To Strengthen, Unify, Extend, and Standardize the MFC-USA. Which is rendering the expected results. Our almost Ready Web Page.

**In the Negative side,** we could mention the lack of funds to accomplish different projects, spiritually and other wise the MFC-USA is fine and growing.

Respectfully submitted,

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(MFC-USA National President Couple)