

# Asia Continental CFM Presidents' Report

13<sup>TH</sup> ACCFM CONFERENCE

SINGAPORE

OCTOBER 24-27, 2025



# Asia Continental Team

- ▶ Presidents 2019-2025 Anita and Lukose Vallatharai, India



- ▶ Chaplain 2021-2025 Rev Fr Arul Raj Gali



- ▶ Vice Presidents  
Grace and Elliot Kam, the Philippines  
Lucia and Michael Sukeewat, Thailand



# .....Asia Continental Team

## COUNTRY PRESIDENTS & CHAPLAINS

- ▶ India – Elena & Kenneth Smith, Rev Fr Albano Fernandes



- ▶ Philippines – Thelma & Sonny Mendoza (2022-24)

Jessica Veronique & Anthony Dexter Yu (Since Oct 2024), Msgr Manuel G. Gabriel



- ▶ Singapore – Jacqueline & Luke Kumaraguru,  
Rev Fr Dominique Deme



- ▶ Sri Lanka – Ujitha & Ranil Pinto, Rev Fr Alexis Prakash Fernando



- ▶ Thailand – Michael & Lucia Sukheewat,  
▶ Rev Fr Bunsong Hongthong



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FORMER ACCFM/ICCFM PRESIDENTS & CHAPLAIN

- ▶ Pip & Wilma Cua, Bishop Gerardo A. Alminaza
- ▶ Elma & (late) Nop Muangkroot



ADVISERS

- ▶ Cyril & Carmen D'Souza



# CFM countries in Asia - India, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand



# Quarterly Meetings via Zoom

- ▶ For the governance of CFM Continental Asia, the Core Group comprising the 5 Country Presidents & Chaplains, 2 VPs, Asia Presidents & Chaplain met every 3 months along with Advisers



# To Promote Christian life and spirit to CFM families worldwide

- ▶ ICCFM online programs like 'An Hour in the Mission' - Rosary, Reflection

**16-Ago-2025**

***Holy Hour and Reflection / Hora Santa y Reflexión***  
***The Assumption of Mary/ La Asunción de María***





***Pbro. – Fr. Luis Enrique Barragán OSJ***  
***Capellán Internacional de la CIMFC***  
***International Chaplain of the ICCFM***




**ZOOM Short Link / Enlace corto:**  
<https://bit.ly/ICCFM-AGO-2025>  
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<http://www.Facebook.com/ICCFM>

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# Celebration of ICCFM Founding Day and Christmas

**MASS THANKSGIVING MASS THIS 6 /Sept/2025**  
**MISA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS ESTE SATURDAY - SÁBADO**

**CIMFC 59° Aniversario - ICCFM 59th Anniversary**  
 7-Sept-1966 7-Sept-2025

**Fr. Joseph Alexander De Leon**  
 ICCFM Assistant Chaplain  
 CIMFC Capellán Adjunto

**ZOOM**  
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**Christmas Party 2024 - Fiesta de Navidad 2024**  
 join us in this celebration December 07, 2024  
 Reflection and see the shared Christmas video of the countries

acompañanos en esta celebración  
 07 de diciembre de 2024  
 Reflexión y ver los videos compartidos de Navidad de los países



**zoom Short Link / Enlace corto**  
<https://bit.ly/ICCFM-Christmas2024>  
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USA	BALTIMORE	9:00
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# CFM Conferences Attended

- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup> ACCFM Conference Thailand October 2022





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- ▶ World Assembly of Families Budapest July 2023



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CFM Philippines Biennial Convention Zamboanga  
October 2024



# Missionary Visits

## ▶ Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh city – October 2023

Met lay leaders with the help of the Claretian congregation. Explained the history and spread of CFM; structure and module of meetings.

Shared their perceived difficulties in starting CFM in Vietnam.



# Participation in meetings and Church forums

- ▶ February 2024, Goa, India - Annual meeting of all associations coming under the banner of the Family and Laity Commission



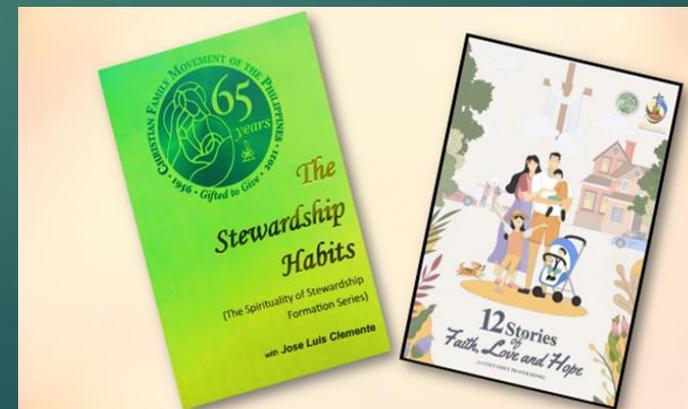
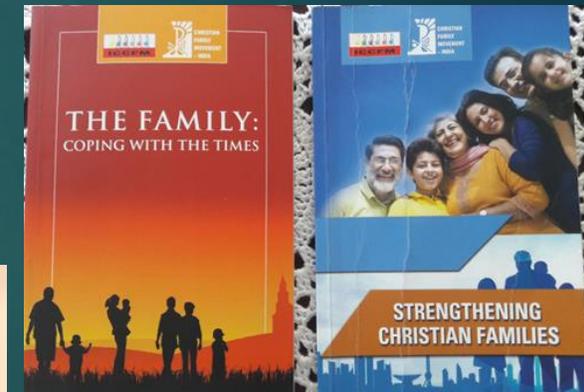
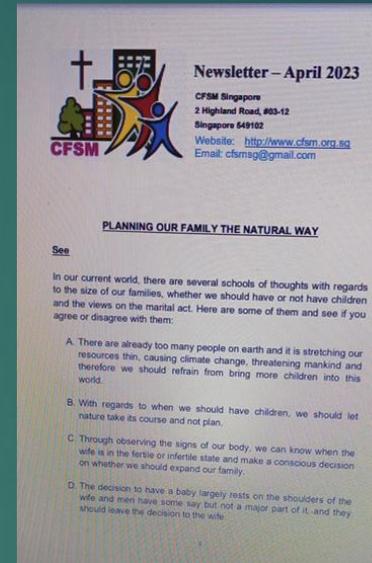
- ▶ Regularly attended all CFM India meetings & gave updates of activities of ACCFM and ICCFM

# Formation Materials

- ▶ Actively involved in getting program books of ICCFM adapted/translated - BIG Thank You to Elma Muangkroot
- ▶ Also the CFM Philippines handbook Stewardship of the Family

# Handbooks

- ▶ Philippines – create their own handbooks
- ▶ Singapore – publish monthly newsletter which forms the basis for their meetings
- ▶ Sri Lanka, Thailand – use ICCFM and other handbooks which are adapted to the Asian context
- ▶ India – create their own handbooks; also use adapted versions of ICCFM, CFM USA and CFM Philippines handbooks



# ICCFM Finance Manual

- ▶ ICCFM presented & adopted a Finance Manual during the General Assembly held in July 2023 at Budapest, Hungary.
- ▶ ICCFM formalised the subscription fee of \$1 per family per year for ICCFM
- ▶ ICCFM also introduced the payment of \$1 per family per year to create a fund for each Continental CFM (e.g., ACCFM)

# CFM Continental Asia Trust

Thereafter, ACCFM formed the CFM Continental Asia Trust.

**The Trust with its Byelaws has been incorporated and registered with the Security Exchange Commission of the Philippines on Dec 12, 2024.**  
Now CFM Continental Asia Inc. can function as a legal entity.



# Objectives of the Continental Asia Trust

- ▶ To receive, hold and use remittances received from CFM families and donations
- ▶ For spreading CFM in Asia through missionary visits
- ▶ For facilitating Faith Formation Programmes

# Other Achievements

- ▶ Maintained an active Asia Continental CFM Website – [www.cfmasia.org](http://www.cfmasia.org)
- ▶ Made contact with Malaysian Archdiocesan Family and Laity Commission , Kuala Lumpur.

Was able to enlighten them about the benefits of renewing CFM in Malaysia.

Happy 2 delegates are attending the Conference for a direct experience of CFM.

# Principal Challenges

- ▶ Slow progress in trying to get a foothold in new Asian countries ...

Inspite of making contact with leaders of the laity in Myanmar, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.



# Principal Constraints

- ▶ Availability of priests at the Unit level
- ▶ Mixed interfaith couples, where only one spouse participates
- ▶ Have to compete with other groups: BEC, Marriage Encounter, Couples for Christ, Parish Pastoral Committee , etc for membership

# THANK YOU ELMA & NOP for your commitment to CFM

