

# CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT INDIA



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Nakorn Pathom, Thailand



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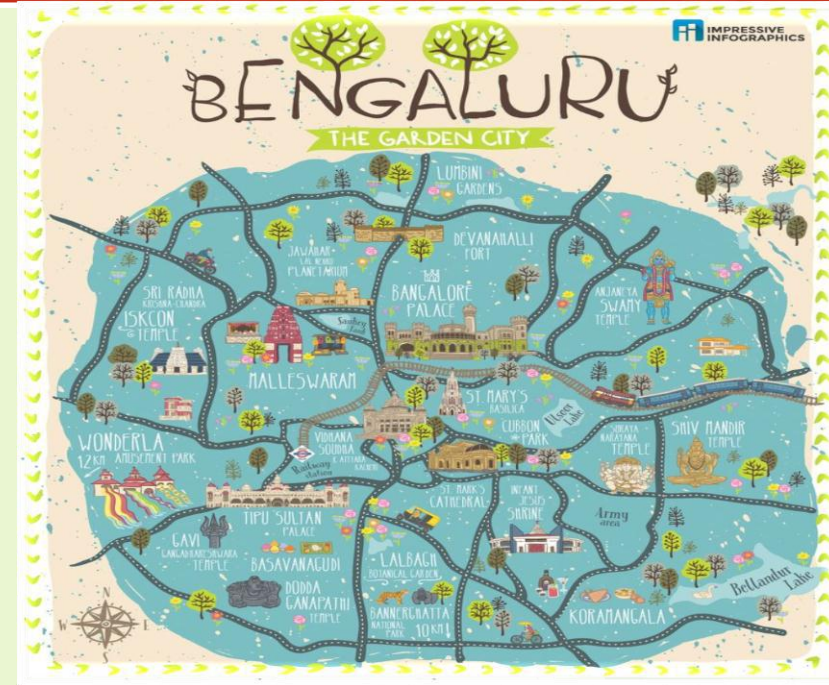
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- ▶ **Chaplain 9**
- ▶ **Members Families 156**



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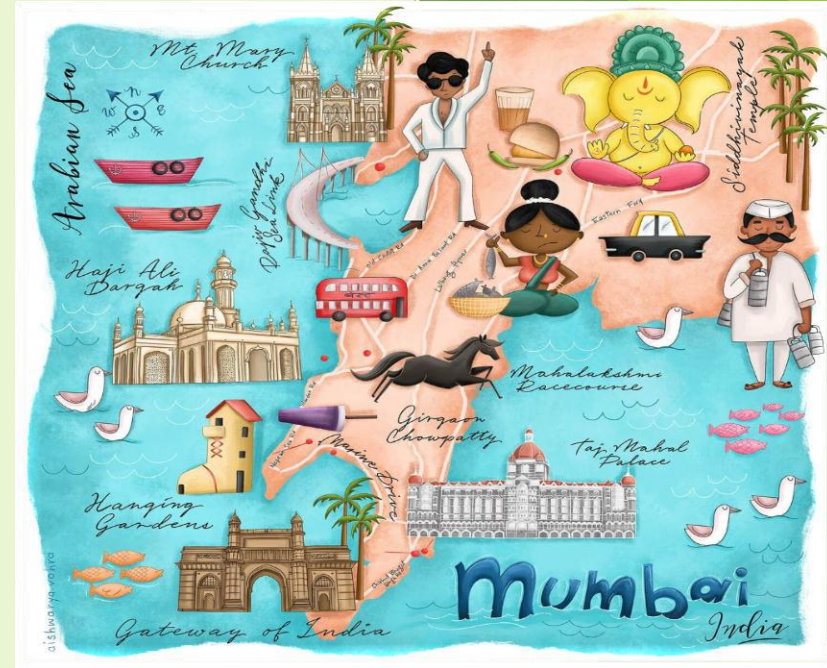
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- ▶ Member Families 17

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# Organizational achievements

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Senior CFMer refreshing on the mission and charism of the CFM



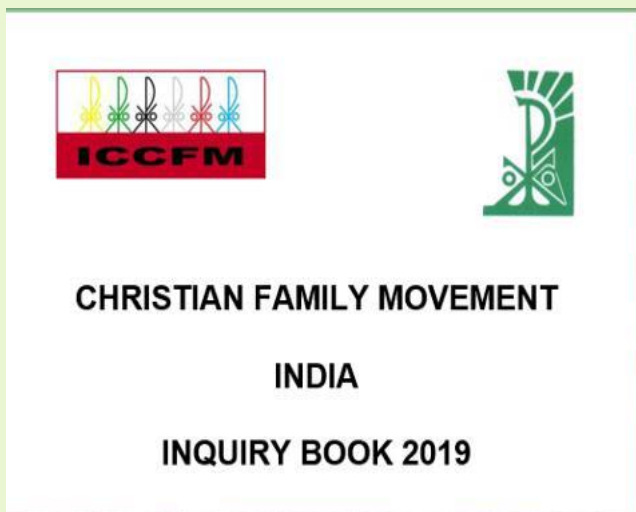
The invited resource persons providing sessions



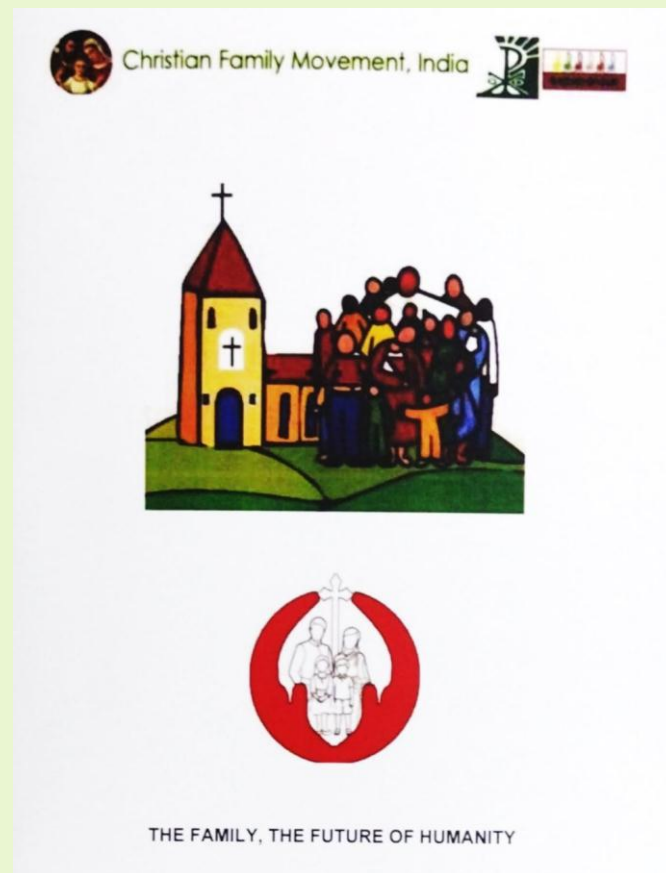


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## Timely release of Inquiry booklets



2019



2021



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## Innovative monthly and regional meeting



Family Training Level 28







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## Online monthly meetings and intercessory prayer sessions during Covid - 19

**CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT BANGALORE**  
Presents a Webinar on 

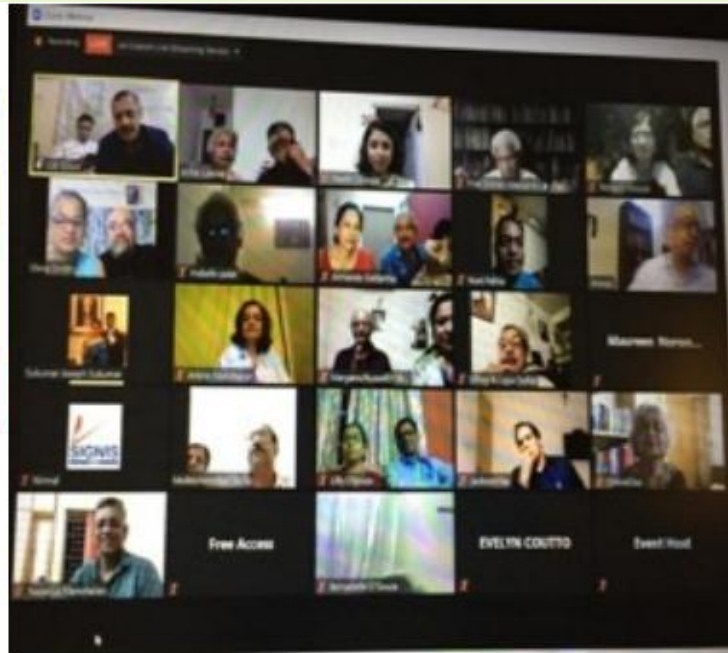
**RESPONDING IN FAITH TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**30th OCT, 2020 5 PM -6:30 PM FRIDAY**

- STRENGTHENING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS  
Respecting the dignity, needs and rights of all members.
- DEEPDIVE INTO ISOLATION in families during this pandemic.

**Be a part of this Webinar . A time to come together**

**TO REGISTER , CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW**  
<https://zoom.us/join/external?URLKey=2zchTAdV080mG1Q>



 **CFM Group 13** 

COME & JOIN US FOR

# INTERCESSORY Prayer Session

October 22nd 2020 @ 6:30 pm

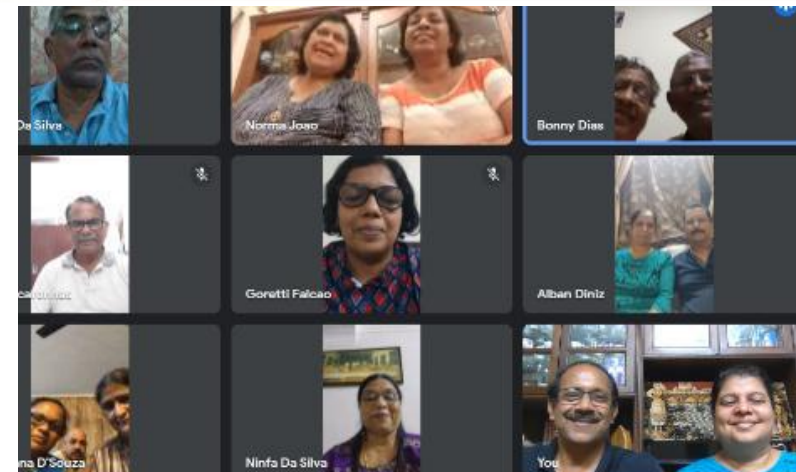

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Group 2

Invites You For An Hour Of Intercessory Prayer

On 26th November 2020 6.30 PM

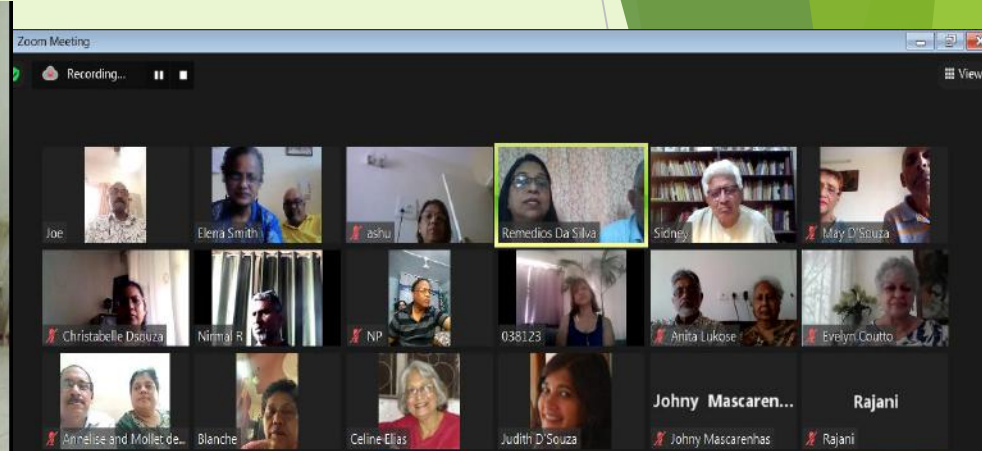
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## Annual General Body meetings 2019-22 - Online & Offline





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Alpha programs as tools for spiritual development of CFM members & evangelization was promoted in Mumbai & Bangalore by former National President couple Richard & Judy D'Souza





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Visited the most Reverend Bishop of Sindhudurg most Rev Allwyn Barreto and discussed about possibilities of starting a group in their village.

Sharing our faith at an inter-religious



#### **4 Talks and Sharing by Ninfa & Remedious Da Silva**

Ninfa Da Silva spoke at 'Strong Family, Strong Society', an online inter-religious dialogue. Various religious leaders spoke on the occasion. More than 400 people participated in the meet.

Ninfa and Remedious Da Silva shared on CCRTV how CFM has helped them grow as a family and also be of service to others.



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Members of Diocesan Pastoral council, Parish Family cell, Catechetical committee





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Church cleaning initiative, choirs for liturgical celebrations and sessions for confirmation candidates and their parents





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## Sessions & workshops for new Parish Pastoral Council members & Marriage Preparation





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## Session for Deacons







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CFM India website

► [www.cfmindia.org](http://www.cfmindia.org)



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## REGULAR PUBLICATION OF FAMILY TROVE CIRCULATED

Issue 28, August 2022

### Family Trove

Nurturing Christian Families & Community

Celebrating World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – July 24, 2022

They say  
even in  
Psalms

Holy Family with grandparents  
Joachim and Anne,  
by Joseph Paelinck, 1820.

Published by the Christian Family Movement, India

Issue 26, December 2021

### Family Trove

Nurturing Christian Families & Community



Hope  
IS B

And the angel said to them,  
"Fear not, for behold I have  
brought you good news of great  
joy that will be for all the  
people."

LUKE 2:10

Published by the Christian Family Movement, India

Issue 27, April 2022

### Family Trove

Nurturing Christian Families & Community



See Judge Act

We are  
an EASTER PEOPLE  
and HALLELUJAH  
is our song!

POPE JOHN PAUL II

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# 2. Spiritual Formation Activities

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(Gaudate et Exsultate)*



CFM members participating in Synodal consultations and deliberation





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## Stations of the cross/ Holy hours - Lenten/Advent programmes





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## Mission experiences





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## Mass for Sick at Mumbai





*Resolution 3. To sensitize members about the transformational nature of love throughout a marriage, which is a lifetime commitment as both a sacrament and a vocation. (Amoris Laetitia).*

CFM member couple sharing their faith as a married couple on the occasion of World Marriage Day and Family Apostolate Sunday on Goa and Mumbai



## 2 World Marriage Day

World Marriage day was celebrated as an online mass. Only CFM and Family Cell members were invited to participate along with 3 couples, one who were recently married with a little baby, one couple married for 17 years and a golden couple married for over 50 years. They each gave their testimonies and shared how communication is the key to a healthy marriage, keeping their work stress outside the door, still keeping in touch with the married children and the importance of family prayers for a healthy family.





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**Xth World meeting of Families -22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June.**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, a solemn Mass was held at Se Cathedral Old Goa, presided by Rev Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrao. Every Parish was represented by one family.





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X World Meeting of Families celebration in the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman



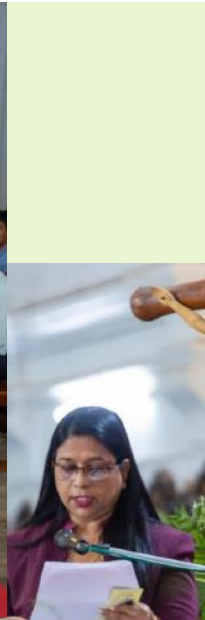
**Theme:**  
**'Family Love: A Vocation and a Path to Holiness.'**

"The **FAMILY** is the place where **PARENTS** become their **CHILDREN'S** first **TEACHERS** in the **FAITH.**" - (AL.16)





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### 3. SERVICE ACTIVITIES (2018 – 2022)

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#### 2 Outreach Programme 2021

**Celebrating Girl Child Day:** We joined hands with sisters of Sathgamaya, an orphanage to celebrate the day on 24th Jan 2021. Neeth, Anne and Nikita of G-11 volunteered to spend time with the kids by presenting a movie and reflecting on the same.



**Donation to Sathgamaya:** CFM'ers came together to support the request of the sisters of Sathgamaya and donated a State of the Art Sound System worth Rs.53,000. A big thankyou to all CFMers of Bangalore for the generous contribution!





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## Food Donations and Aid to the needy

### 3 Food Donation

In the month of September, groceries and food items were distributed to 23 needy families of Mercedes.



### 4 Contribution to Flood Victims

In September, the Mercedes unit packed 28 boxes of clothes, utensils, household and other utility items which was handed over to the flood affected people of Valpoi and Sattari areas.

Cash contribution was also given





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## Visits to orphanages, old age homes and hospitals





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Girls at the Good Shepherd had Diwali holidays and did not get a chance to celebrate. Vice President India Suja and her friend went and taught them this Art - TIE AND DYE



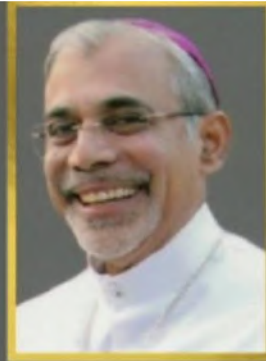
# FELLOWSHIPS





We praise and thank God for the gift of two Cardinals in India this August 27<sup>th</sup> 2022.

His Eminence  
Philipe Neri Cardinal  
Ferrao



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BISHOPS OF INDIA

His Eminence Anthony  
Cardinal Poola



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## 5.DIRECTION FOR 2022 – 2024 - Action Plan

What to stop doing - Giving Presentations at different Parishes as it did not work as well as expected,

What to keep doing - a) Continue publishing the Family Trove magazine as it is helpful to our families and other families, motivating, unifying, etc. b) Revamping the website c) Strengthening the Mumbai group d) Translating program books in Vernacular languages. E) Acting on the Resolutions of this conference

What new thing to try doing - As a challenge, to try and start Youth CFM programs, maybe they will come for curiosity initially.

**THANK YOU &  
GOD BLESS YOU**