



## **CFSM Annual Report 2021**

In keeping to its charism and mission, the CFSM continues its effort to help families in the faith formation and to promote a lay apostolate centred around the Christian family. Working on the theme of “**Challenges to restore our human dignity through the Family in Modern Society**” the movement continues its effort in building a community of God’s people in the midst of the challenges in the modern society, even in the COVID-19 pandemic situation. Year 2021 was another extraordinary year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the movement could not gather and their activities were restricted to online teleconferencing.

### **1. CFSM Base Groups Gatherings:**

Some CFSM Base Groups try to maintain their monthly meetings through online teleconferencing apps whilst others met intermittently. For those who met, their sessions was for members to conduct the Review of Life (ROL) which was the framework that helps in members’ faith formation.

Amidst the pandemic, families faced isolation, unemployment, uncertainties and were deprived of spiritual nourishment in the form of a physical Mass. The Church remain closed most of the time. It was necessary for members to bring comfort to each other through interactions. Some base groups organized visits to nature parks keeping all the safety measurers required by the authorities to keep the spirit of the members up.

### **2. CFSM Review on 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021:**

CFSM EXCO members came together over a weekend between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at the St Francis Xavier major Seminary to review the year 2020 and to plan for the year 2021 ahead. The end summary was on Awareness of the environment around us, and our role as Lay Apostolate.

### **3. CFSM St Joseph the Worker Day on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021:**

CFSM members came together at St Joseph Church, to reflect on St Joseph the Worker Day and why we have St Joseph Day according to the Pope’s message from Vatican. The history of International Labour Day and our Singapore Working Reality was ponder and reflected. Finally, we reflected on Joseph, Mary and Jesus (focusing on work, protecting family life, and bringing Christ to work and our family of families).

### **4. CFSM Nature Walk on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Tree, flowers, and birds announce to us that the world will be covered again in color and the sun will finally have the power to warm us up. In every walk with nature one receives far more than he or her seeks. Taking a walk in nature has healing power for our minds and souls, and helping us to sense the presence of God in Creation.

The Christian Family & Social Movement sensed the presence of God in Creation on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021 as they walked along the old Singapore-Malaysia railway tracks, and completed the walk at Railway Mall.



## **5. CFSM AGM 2021 & Faith Formation:**

In accordance to the guidelines by the Registry of Society, the CFSM, being a Registered Society in Singapore conducted its AGM annually and to submit a financial and movement report to the Registrar. In consideration of health and safety guidelines by the health authorities, the AGM was by teleconferencing AGM. In compliance to the guidelines, CFSM hosted it's AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021 via Zoom, attended by 30 members.

In addressing to members in the AGM, our national Chaplain Fr. Dominique Deme shared about the need to reach out as Pope Francis was doing in Iraq, to bring the message of love to the parish and community. Lent is a period we are reminded we are penitent pilgrim with prayer, fast and alms giving. He encouraged members to be aware of the needs of others and be compassionate – start by praying for others. The idea of fasting is to master ourselves and be free to be closer to God. The third way to grow is alms giving; to make room for God and for our neighbours (those in need).

## **6. CFSM Members Guide**

The EXCOS commenced work on a CFSM Members Guide slide to bring more awareness to the CFSM Base groups

## **7. Faith Formation Online Session 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

The Aim and Object of the Faith Formation was to “Raise Awareness of the vocation of the Family”, and “Raise Awareness of Catholic Social Teachings and how we can strive to restore human dignity through our family”. The session was attended by 38 members online

## **8. Feast of the Holy Family on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021:**

In celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family and Feast of the Holy Innocents on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2020, members came together to pray for 30 minutes reflecting on our faith and the family under the COVID situation. CFSM Members Guide was also launched. The event was attended by 20 members online.

## **9. Conferences and Sessions**

CFSM is affiliated to the following:

- 1) ICCFM
- 2) WMCW
- 3) CFL
- 4) Caritas

And we keep abreast with developments in the international scene from the documentation of discussions and decisions from these organizations throughout the year. As the pandemic is a global phenomenon, there was no face-to-face meeting.

## **10. Review of Life Book**

The EXCOS commenced work on developing a full ROL Jesus Reflection Book to support our Church outreach, and for new and existing members in the Base Groups, when they have their monthly ROL reflections.



## **11. Outreach**

Throughout the year all members were reminded to extend membership to any Catholic families interested in having a deeper understanding of our faith and family through teleconferencing. Our CFSM evangelisation outreach is always in progress. The new ROL will support the outreach to all our brothers and sisters.

## **12. CFSM Website**

The EXCOS continued the effort in improving the CFSM website.

## **13. CFSM Newsletter**

The EXCOS continued to provide the CFSM Monthly Newsletter in the format of the Review of Live.

## **14. CFSM 60<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary**

The EXCOS commenced work to prepare for the CFSM 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022.

## **15. APPRECIATION**

The Executive Committee would like to thank and encourage families for making time and effort in sharing their lives and faith during their monthly sharing. The Movement would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the following for helping us in various ways through the difficult Covid 19 year of 2021:-

- a. Archbishop William Goh
- b. Spiritual Director, Fr Dominique Deme, (Emeritus) Fr Andre Christophe
- c. Caritas and ACF.
- d. Parish Priests of All Churches.
- e. EXCOS, working committees and all CFSM members.

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