

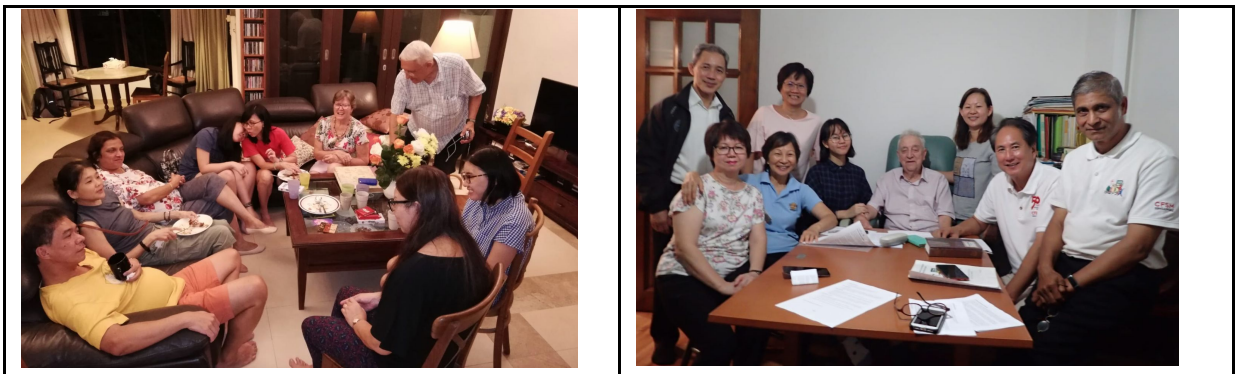


## **CFSM Annual Report 2019**

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. The following are some of our activities:

### **1. The Neighbourhood Parish Group Gatherings**

The Movement, through the monthly neighbourhood of 14 parish groups gatherings continues the faith formation of its members and community-building. Families gather to reflect on the issues of life as a Christian adult, a citizen, and parent in Singapore by using our CFSM Social Enquiry booklet and various publications from the Church.



Photos of typical neighbourhood meetings in 2019.

These meetings/fellowship sessions enable our members to reflect issues in our lives in the light of our Catholic faith and the discussions are meant to help guide them in their life’s actions. The meetings also help families (parents & children) to grow closer as Catholic communities in both their social and spiritual dimensions.

### **2. Feast of St Joseph The Worker (1<sup>st</sup> May 2019):**

The session discussed the challenges faced by workers in organizations that is very focussed on the bottomline. Singapore families and migrant workers also face challenges from the high cost of living, but through ROL, enabled the members to see Work and Families from all angles and reflect that the cost of living is also driven up by choice of lifestyle. The session and the event was attended by 30 members, including several migrant workers.

### **3. Movement Outing – to Kranji Sungei Buloh/Wetland (15 Jun 2019)**

Total attendance was 25 people attending. 9 children, 11 adults and 5 EXCO. President, Francis Mane gave an eye-opening briefing of the flora and fauna of the wetlands. The session brought to the participants’ attention the ecological impact of pollution (in line with Ladato Si).

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## 4. Formation Session – “Restoring our Dignity from Genesis” (2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018)

Spiritual Director, Fr Bruno Saint Giron delivered the session. Using the scripture passages from Genesis, Fr Bruno explained our role in enhancing creation and there were many ancient Hebrew practices that were not in line with the commandments of God. The session was featured in the Catholic News.



Members at the session on “Restoring our Dignity from Genesis” a session on human dignity on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of legalised abortion in Singapore. Fr Bruno Saint Giron was posted back to France in December 2019.

## 5. CFSM Newsletter

The monthly newsletter continued providing food for thought and topics of discussion to all members with lively local anecdotes and thought-provoking articles. The value of such articles is that they help our members see the relevance of our faith to our lives in the present context of what is happening in and outside the family.

## 6. Conferences and Sessions

CFSM being affiliated to the following:

- 1) ICCFM
- 2) WMCW
- 3) ACF
- 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.

## 7. 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. However special effort was made to reach out to the Family Ministries in Church of Christ the King, St Michael’s Church, , Our Lady Star of the Sea. The EXCO spent several weekends at Church of Christ the King reaching out to the parents through the Family and Catechetical ministries. The effort will continue into 2020.

## 8. CFSM Website

The EXCO, led by Luke Kumarugru and Gabriel Sebastian revamped the CFSM website.

## 9. Appreciation

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The Executive Committee would like to thank encourage families 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 for helping us in various ways through the year:-

- a. Archbishop William Goh
- b. Spiritual Directors, Fr Bruno Saint Giron, Fr Andre Christophe
- c. Caritas and ACF.
- d. Parish Priests of many Churches.
- e. EXCO and working committee and all CFSM members.

### **9. Spiritual Director**

It is with sadness we have to bid our Spiritual Director, Fr Bruno Saint Giron farewell as he was posted back to France in December 2019. We would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to Fr Bruno and wish him all of God's blessing for his next phase of his priestly duties. Fr Andre Christophe has kindly agreed to cover the duty of the Spiritual Director until a new SD is appointed.

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