



Newsletter – December 2024

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A look back at 2024

As the year ends, we find ourselves reflecting on the moments that have shaped the journey of the movement. As we look behind on the twelve months that had passed, we are proud to have remained focused on our mission in the formation of our members, the base group and our zeal to go forth in building the kingdom of God. Let's have a brief look into the events that took place in 2024.

11 EXCO Meetings

The EXCO members met up monthly at the Church of the Our Lady of Perpetual Succour together with our Spiritual Director Father Dominique to share and deliberate on matters covering the growth and development of the movement, base group meetings, to planning for events in 2024. The commitment from the members of the EXCO to the planning and implementation of the events throughout the course of the year resulted in several successful events being conducted.

Father Andre Christophe 94th birthday celebration

Members from the Kulai base group (JB) together with representative from CFSM Singapore jointly organized a birthday celebration for Father Christophe in JB. The group gathered for dinner after mass to celebrate the 94th birthday of CFSM's ex-spiritual director who had played a significant role in the growth of the movement. It was a joyful celebration with members from both countries meeting each other after a long while.



Meeting with Archbishop Cardinal William Goh

Members of the EXCO, accompanied by our Spiritual Director, had the opportunity to meet with up with Cardinal William Goh on 1 Mar 2024. The meeting was blessed with guidance from his eminence and our members sharing the aims and objectives as well as the upcoming events of the movement. Cardinal Goh was also briefed on the upcoming ICCFM meeting to be held in Singapore in October 2025.



Annual General Meeting

CFSM's annual general meeting was held on 3rd March 2025 where the annual report was presented together with the movement plans and activities for 2024. The meeting also elected the EXCO members for 2024. The AGM was concluded with a Mass celebrated by Father Dominique.



May Day Celebrations – St Joseph’s Feast Day

CFSM members gathered for the annual May Day Celebrations on 1st May (Feast of St Joseph) to discuss matters pertaining to the dignity of work. A pre-recorded talk by Father Garcia was presented to the members before breaking out in smaller groups to discuss the topic using the review of life (ROL).



Base Group Leaders Meeting

The base group leaders meeting was held on 25th June with leaders from the various base groups attending to deliberate on the way forward for their various base groups. The meeting provided a good opportunity for the leaders to meet up with the EXCO members to discuss upcoming events as well as extension plans for base groups.

Family Ministry Booth @Novena

CFSM set up a booth at the Church of St Alphonsus on 27th Jul to provide an awareness of the movement's aim and objectives as well as to share more on the events planned for the rest of the year. It was a good opportunity to engage with fellow Catholics who were keen to know more about the movement.



Trip to Batam – Visit to St Theresa Orphanage

A trip to Batam was organized from 31st Aug to 1st Sep for members to visit St Theresa's orphanage as well as the ex-Vietnamese village on the southern island of Galang. Members found the trip to be an enriching experience. Spending time with the orphans as well as visiting and praying at the stations of the cross was a day that was cherished.



CFSM and Life Runners Profile Rosary & Nature Walk

CFSM members met up with the life runners from Singapore for a profile rosary and nature walk at MacRitchie on 7th Sep. The prolife group walks/run for an awareness of its cause in remembering the unborn clearly depicted on the jerseys worn by the participants. The group conducts the walks every Saturday morning off MacRitchie Reservoir. CFSM members who are keen are welcome to join the life runners for this cause every week.



Catholic Family Life (CFL) Spiritual Retreat

The CFL Spiritual Retreat was held on 31st October at the SFX Seminary at Bukit Timah. CFL members attending the retreat were provided with directions and guiding frameworks that encourage deeper connections among family members by CFL's Spiritual Director Father Ambrose Vaz. The retreat provided a good opportunity for CFL members to get a better understanding of the roles of each of the ministries and movements.



Faith Formation Session – ‘Significance of Prayer’

The faith formation session was held on 9 November 2024 at the St Francis Xavier Seminary in Upper Bukit Timah Road. It was held from 1 pm to 5 pm. There were about 30 participants. The objective of the session was to create an awareness on the importance of prayer to form the person and the base groups for our apostolic work. The guest Speaker was Ms Elaine Ng. She shared various aspects of prayer such as the need to pray, the how of prayer and the importance of prayer.



CFL Appreciation Night

The CFL appreciation night was organized for CFL members on 15th November at the Agape Village. The event was organized to express gratitude for the dedicated service of its members in our Heavenly Father’s Vineyard. It was a great opportunity to mingle and get to know fellow CFL members dedicated to strengthening marriages and family relationships.



WMCW Regional Leader's meeting

The WMCW Regional Leaders meeting was held from 16th to 18th Nov at the St. Francis Xavier Retreat Centre. The purpose of the meeting was to share the activities of the WMCW movement in East Asia so that member movements are informed of concrete reality and reflect on them in the faith of Christ. It was a successful meeting, and members benefited from understanding the various issues faced at the regions and steps undertaken to resolve challenges faced.



CFSM Christmas Party

CFSM members, their families and friends attended the CFSM Christmas party on 14 December at the Temasek Club. It was a fun filled event with games, music and activities that allowed members to celebrate the birth of our Lord and a successful year together as a CFSM family.



If you would like further information on the events or would like to contribute or participate in events and activities plan for 2025, do look have a look at our website www.c fsm.org.sg or contact Clarence Sundram -81446143