

## CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVMENT OF WELIGAMPITIYA CELL

Sri Lanka Christian Family Movement of Weligampitiya Cell was inaugurated in the year of July 1999 by then parish priest of Weligampitiya Parish and now The Chaplain of Sri Lanka Christian Family Movement Rev. Fr. Sunil Kumara Peiris with five couples. Today, we have expanded with 16-member couples.



Seated L to R: Catherine & Vincent Perera, Beatrice & Bead Perera, Rev. Fr. Ivan Peterz, Thushani & Roashan Silva, Monica & Sunil Senadeera

Standing First Row L to R: Couple names: Mrs. Patsy Fernando Mr. Nimal Fernando, Mrs. Srimathi Fernando Mrs. Asentry Ranasinghe, Mrs. Shervin Perera, Mr. Raymond Fonseka, Mr. Nandasena, Mrs. Natalie Meehella, Mr. Hillary Meehella, Mr. Jennet Saparamadu and Mr. Susil Perera.

Absent: Mrs. Soma Jayawardena, Mr. Peter Perera, Mrs. Srma Perera, Mrs. Nirmala, Mr. Christie Fernando, Mr. Claude Mahadikari. Mrs. Kumudini Jayantha, Mr. Tharanga Wijeratne, Mrs. Dilusha Wijeratne,

### Membership Status

Type	Number
Couples/Families	16
Solo/Single Parent	01 Widow

Chaplain – Weligampitiya Cell : Rev.Fr. Lester Nonis

President Couple : Mr. Sunil/Monica Senadeera

Secretary Couple : Mr. Hillary/Natalie Meehella

Treasurer Couple : Mr. Kingsley/Sherin Fernando

1) Linkage with the Church & other Organizations (Diocese and Parish)

- I. Members of Parish Council
- II. Senior Citizen members and office bearers
- III. Praja Aarakshaka committee
- IV. Development Committee (Grama Sevaka area)
- V. Members of ASIPA
- VI. Maranadara Committee members
- VII. SANASA

2) Programs

- I. Organizing Parish annual Family day (Annually)
- II. Awareness program for God Parents (Monthly)
- III. Special blessing for couples celebrating Wedding anniversary (Monthly)
- IV. Organizing Parish Easter Pilgrimage (Annually)
- V. Helping poor families during this pandemic.
- VI. Sharing Christmas with poor families and having our Christmas get-together annually.
- VII. Monthly meetings at cell level to discuss and plan out activities in the cell.
- VIII. Visiting prayer required sick people.

3) Plans for Future Action

- I. Expansion of a new group with young couples.
- II. Starting up a prayer group for needy people.
- III. Train more couples for Awareness program for God parents
- IV. Enrichment of our cell couples for the OME.
- V. Arrange small groups within the parish for prayers

Special achievements/services

1. Our President couple held the positions of president of Colombo Diocese in 2005 for 3 complete years successfully.
2. The Annual General Meetings of 23<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> were grandly held in 2000, and in 2016 respectively at Weligampitiya branch.
3. Organizing annual Family day at the parish.
4. Most of our couples attended the retreat on "Reform for the Christian Family Movement" conducted by Rev Fr. Claude Nonis and Rev Fr. Heshan Nilantha held at Modera.
5. When ICCFM representatives visited Sri Lanka, we participated for the meetings and had a stage event for entertaining.
6. Organizing Holy mass and celebrating wedding anniversaries within each month and special blessing.
7. Organizing Annual Easter pilgrimage.
8. Organized a retreat with Rev. Fr. Darrel for couples of below 10 years of marriage, at our parish.
9. Organized a Clergy Day at the parish during the year consecrated to clergy.
10. Conducted Pre-cana (Pre-Marital Classes) for couples intend to marry shortly.
11. Celebrated a family day during a retreat held at the parish.
12. Awareness program for God Parents on weekly basis.
13. Sharing Christmas with poor families and having our Christmas get-together annually.
14. Visiting prayer required sick people.
15. Organizing monthly prayer meeting/Healing service with Rev.Fr. Nilushan on every first Tuesday.
16. Held a medical camp, in 2009
17. Helped to construct a house for a poor family.

18. Visiting orphanage continuously for many years and spent the day with children and had fun games and awarded them prizes
19. In the month of October, consecrated to Blessed Virgin Mary, visiting member's families and reciting the Rosary annually.
20. On Good Friday – giving porridge to all the attendees' to the service.
21. Displayed entertaining events on several occasions such as every Christmas get-togethers organized by the youth of the parish,
22. Meeting held when International representatives visited Sri Lanka, and at the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of SL CFM held at Wattala, etc.