



ACT Newsletter

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“Be doers of the word and not hearers only.” James 1:22



Love Makes the World Go ‘Round!’

Share Your Act

Your Actions are an essential part of the Movement. Please tell

what you do to put your faith in action. Your story may be featured on our website or in a future news feature. Pictures help tell the story. The CFM Webpage has a special way to communicate with other CFMers by submitting and sharing great ideas for action:

[Visit “Share Your Act” here & tell your story.](#)

Let’s Get Together! The **National Board members** met in Chicago at Our Lady of the Wayside Parish, Arlington Heights. Directors **John and Kathy Loy** and the OLW CFM Chapter leaders shared about the organizational strategies that have made this parish one of the most successful in the USA...

OMAHA, NE - On Epiphany Sunday, St. Bernard CFM celebrated their annual Epiphany party.



Wrapped gifts of non-perishable food items were donated to the food pantry. Games were played, refreshments enjoyed, and even a few Christmas carols were sung. What a wonderful way it was to end the Christmas season!



...and they got these great embroidered shirts to help show their solidarity for the mission of CFM!
[You can order shirts with our CFM logo for your group here.](#) Multiple color options; kids’ sizes, too

CFM IN ACTION

ORANGE COUNTY, CA - The Habitat for Humanity's Catholic Coalition thanked the local Catholic Coalition -- one of the largest coalitions in Habitat OC's 29-year history -- for committing \$150,000 and monthly Build Days to the completion of the two Tustin homes in support of limited-income veteran families. **Greg Herr** reports, "After hearing about Habitat's Catholic Coalition, my wife and I were able to offer a small matching fund on behalf of our new parish, **Blessed John Henry Newman Catholic Church** in the Ordinariate. As a result of that, an anonymous donor met and exceeded the match, including an additional corporate match, increasing the originally envisioned contribution by



fivefold! The increased contribution allowed an amount to be given on behalf of our marrieds group, Christian Family Movement of Orange County. It was an honor to participate in this way, and especially to support veterans in need."

ICCFM-ASIA Presidents **Wilma and Pip Cua**

announce the formal launching of the CFM Continental Asia Website which can be accessed at <https://www.cfmasia.org>

"It is our hope and prayer that this website will bring about unity and solidarity not only among the Christian Family Movements in Asia but to the other continents as well; and in addition to serve as a platform in bringing the CFM to countries in Asia where it is not yet present."



TUCSON, AZ - Two action groups got together with their families to make goodie bags for the needy



in our community. **Darla Martinez** reports, "We all donated items for sandwiches and sides. We had an assembly line going on, and children also made notes of well wishes to put in the bags. We also made hygiene bags which we kept in our cars for when we encountered a needy person on the street."

WINTERSET, IOWA –

National Treasurers, **Sandy and Rick Hoenig**, shared their CFM story in their local newspaper, encouraging new families to join groups for friendship with other couples who share their values. Their parish will host the National Board Meeting in July.



Read [CFM's Blog for Family Spirituality insights](#), and find many more resources for successful groups at <http://www.cfm.org/>

Well done, Good and Faithful Servants

+**Jose Pich**, Past President of the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements, passed away in Spain in December. He and his wife **Margareta** collaborated with Fr. Gabriel Calvo to start Marriage Encounter in 1973.

+**Robert Trosclair**, who passed to his heavenly reward at age 92 in Florida, had worked hand in hand with CFM Presidents **Bob Tomanto** (Miami) and **Bob Tomanto, Jr.** May the Lord look kindly upon him and welcome him home.