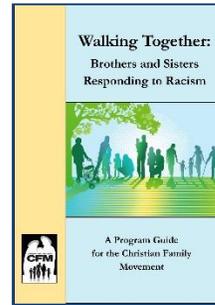




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“Be doers of the word and not hearers only.” James 1:22



CFM commemorates the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s death. Three meetings to observe, judge, and act for positive change in society.

Walking Together: Brothers and Sisters Responding to Racism, [available to download](#).

Members may download CFM program materials for the use of their groups. Please share your experience with this program with CFM at director@cfm.org

National Convention

Family Summit June 29-30, 2019



Get ready to celebrate CFM's 70th Anniversary next summer, as we host families from throughout across the USA at **St. Joseph's Parish** in Herndon, VA. Fun family enrichment near

Washington, DC: An excellent family vacation experience in our nation's Capitol. Meet inspiring families like yours!



Read [CFM's Blog for Family Spirituality insights](#), and find many more resources for successful groups at <http://www.cfm.org/>
Like [CFM's Facebook page](#) to receive weekly Gospel reflections and inspiration

CFM IN ACTION

BREA, CALIFORNIA: Greg Herr sent an update on the project the joint CFM of **St. Joseph (Placentia)/Blessed John Henry Newman** (Irvine, CA) is doing with the Catholic Coalition of Orange County, which was [reported in ACT](#) in recent months. Construction has begun on the homes for veterans made possible by the work and donations of Catholic groups--eleven parishes and organizations, local Knights of Columbus councils, and young adult groups--in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity. **Fr. Tim Ramaekers** (pictured below, with Greg) accepted a check for \$150,000 donation for Habitat.



PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA – The rich regional history of the Christian Family Movement was featured in the recent issue *Gathered Fragments* journal of the **Western Pennsylvania Historical Society** about the “Diocesan Lay Apostolate.” Journal Editor **Sharon Serratore** said “It was such a blessing to learn more about the good work of CFM, and then to learn that my own parents had

participated at **St. Luke's parish in Carnegie!** May this piece be a vehicle that God may use to spread your good works and inspired others to support the CFM." Read [the article here.](#)



ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN: Brian and Mary Ann Thelen's diverse CFM group members (above) support one another and also has fun together at events like a mystery including costumes.

Spring Cleaning: For those in the second half of life (50+), your nest may be emptying but you still have precious memorabilia of children, parents, deceased friends, vacations, etc. As you clean house after the holidays it may be time to let go of memorabilia but not the memories. See [Letting Go of Memorabilia ritual](#) by *Marriage Moments* and *Parenting Pointers* author, **Susan Vogt.**

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



Show Your Solidarity with the Mission of CFM with **embroidered shirts.** [You can order shirts with our CFM logo for your group here.](#) Multiple color options; kids' sizes, too.

Do You Shop on Amazon?

Please take a moment to select "Christian Family Movement" as your charity of choice. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-6217705>



Grandparents Are Great!

"[Tips for Grandparents](#)" by **Gary and Kay Aitchison.** Download the six-session CFM program, *The Grand Adventure*, [here.](#) (Log in to the CFM website -- or [create an account](#) -- to access this and more great resources, free for members.)



Catholic and Grandparenting: 5 Challenges and 5 Opportunities, gift idea for Mothers' and Fathers' Day, [available on Amazon.](#) by **Lauri Przybysz,** CFM Executive Director.

The **Ministry of Christian Grandparenting** offers camps that grandparents and grandkids can enjoy together.



<https://grandcamps.org/> 2018 camps in New York, S. Carolina, Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota. Learn more at www.christiangrandparenting.net

Lay Movements as Structures of Grace:

"The Legacy of Cardinal Cardijn, the See-Judge-Act Method, and Catholic Action in the Americas" July 6-8, 2018 at Mount St. Joseph College, Cincinnati. **Registration and more information:** <https://lay-movements-structures-grace.blogspot.com.au>



CFM Prayer

Holy Trinity, you are a family.

We believe you wish our families to reflect your heavenly community.

Jesus has called us to family ministry, and asked his heavenly Father not to take us from the world, but to deliver us from evil. And so we pray for the Christian Family Movement, that present members may grow in grace and that new families may join us.

Through good example and prayer, may our homes become that which you desire them to be: true domestic churches, temples of your glory, and schools of humanity, ushering in the reign of God.