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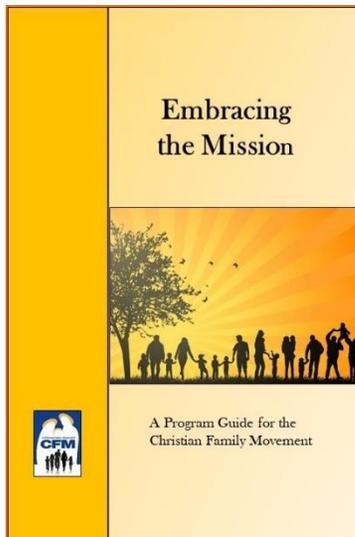
MAY 2018

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

National Convention

Family Summit June 29-30, 2019

Fun family enrichment! Get ready to celebrate **CFM's 70th Anniversary** next summer as we host families from throughout the USA at **St. Joseph's Parish** in Herndon, VA. near Washington, DC. An excellent family vacation experience in our nation's Capitol. Meet inspiring families! **Events for the whole family to enjoy together!** Everyone will leave the weekend changed with a renewed enthusiasm for CFM and our Christian mission. We are looking for volunteers willing to offer their time, talents, and/or treasures ... no help or contribution is too small. If you have ideas and you would like to help in any way, [please complete this SHORT SURVEY.](#)



Embracing the Mission: New Program for 2018

Every Christian is called to be a disciple of Jesus, to live out the call of our baptism as active agents of Christ's saving mission. In our newest program, *Embracing the*

Mission, CFM groups will find 8 meeting topics to help them live their faith in practical, everyday ways. Each chapter is designed to enliven our personal encounter with Jesus Christ, support our families' faith journey, strengthen our commitment to the Gospel, and deepen the spiritual life of our CFM groups. *Embracing the Mission* is a natural follow-through for groups who used *Loving the Family God Gives Us* this year.

BONUS! FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Inside *Embracing the Mission* are complete plans for three fun, prayerful, and educational gatherings that are ideal for inviting more families to participate in the mission of Jesus through the Christian Family Movement.

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

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.](#)

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>





USA Presidents' Meeting: Bridging distances for the evangelization of the families

The need for improved development and training of local leaders was a common theme of discussions during the meeting of national leaderships in Los Angeles on March 10, 2018. Continental Presidents, **Wilbur and Juanita Hooker**, gathered the leadership teams of the CFM Movements in the USA --one English and two Hispanic. Canada has an Hispanic CFM, too. CFM-USA Presidents, **John and Mary Poprac** and Vice-presidents **Brian and Mary Ann Thelen**, and Past Continental Presidents **John and Lauri Przybysz** attended the annual meeting. World Presidents **Jorge and Rosalinda Carrillo** and their team from Mexico also attended.

The Hookers said, "Our goal for this meeting was to promote the unity among all Christian Family Movements and deepen the reality of the families of North America in the light of the Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, to give a realistic and sincere response in the name of the CFM, to illustrate the signs of the times that we live in and produce changes in the family."

The leaders found that families in their communities, while diverse in many ways, are experiencing the same pressures and challenges. Learn more about the other USA Christian Family Movements at their websites: mfccusa.net and mfc-losangeles.org.

CFM IN ACTION

CFM Four-Part Series for Discipleship Formation

Belonging to the Christian Family Movement prepares families to be agents of evangelization. CFM has a 4-step **Formation Series** to help you and your parish grow as missionary disciples. Groups can do the program in any order they wish:

- ✚ *For Happier Families: An Introduction to CFM*
- ✚ *Meeting Jesus Changes Everything*
- ✚ *Loving the Family God Gives Us*
- ✚ *Embracing the Mission* (coming July 2018).

See program descriptions and Tables of Contents on the [Program Materials Page](#).

Couple Prayer

Praying as a married couple may sound nice and holy, but also awkward or impractical. Don't let fear keep you apart. Be brave. Check out these [Ways to Pray as A Couple](#) and pick one that fits, by *Marriage Moments* and *Parenting Pointers* author, **Susan Vogt**.

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