



ACT Newsletter

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



we are one family under God

CFM helps us hold conversations that matter and find ways to take effective, faith-filled ACTION. Visit the alphabetical [Topical Catalog](#) on the CFM website to find a timely CFM meeting plan. Click here for some hot topics:

[Justice for Immigrants](#)

- Consider our Christian response to immigration and refugee crisis, using the Joint US and Mexico Bishops' Pastoral Reflection, *Strangers No Longer*. One meeting.

[Called to Justice](#)

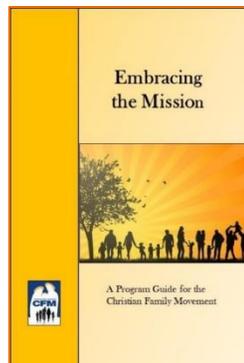
- Practical actions for citizens of today's society, guided by the US Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Reflection, *Everyday Christianity: To Hunger and Thirst for Justice*. Six meetings.

Embracing the Mission:

New Program 2018

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[Embracing the Mission](#), has eight meeting topics 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* or *Meeting Jesus* this year.



National CFM Family Conference June 28-30, 2019



Here I am! Send me!

Celebrate CFM's 70th Anniversary by joining in a national event that reaches out to families and gathers CFMers from across the country together June 28-30, 2019. Our theme: "**Christian Families: Answering the Call to Love and Serve.**"

Put your love for families into action and declare your hope for the future by taking part in a weekend of spiritual enrichment, family fun, and faith formation that CFM will sponsor at St. Joseph's Parish in Herndon, Virginia, near Washington, DC. A great opportunity to visit our Nation's Capitol before or after the Conference, too.

Please consider volunteering to help or donating funds to underwrite the cost of childcare, speakers, entertainment, and food. This will allow us to keep the price of the event low enough for younger families to join us. As you would expect, we have lots of expenses in the planning stages. [Donate now to sponsor](#). Thank you!

If you have ideas and you would like to help in any way, please contact our conference committee at director@cfm.org. Want to help? [Click here to volunteer](#).

CFM IN ACTION

BREA, CALIFORNIA - CFM member **Deacon Ken Kleckner** (pictured below) coordinated the planning of the first annual Corpus Christi Procession at St Joseph, Placentia on Sunday, June 3rd. Over 400 came to this celebration have been in CFM for many years, and he continues to faithfully serve our community at St Joseph's as Deacon.



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.](#)

Action Idea: Outreach to Caregivers



Nourish for Caregivers provides parishes the Catholic resources needed to minister to caregivers during this time of transition and change. Simple to implement, [Nourish for Caregivers](#) equips a lay-led team at parishes with tools to host support gatherings that help caregivers grow in faith.

You Are in Our Prayers

Share your prayer requests with our CFM prayer intercession team at

https://www.cfm.org/prayer_requests



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Wear and share the news of CFM. All colors and sizes. Kids', too.

TIPS for BETTER MEETINGS

When you host the CFM group at your house:

Call the members of your group 3 to 4 days before the meeting to remind them to come, give directions, etc. Encourage them to do their **ACTIONS & OBSERVATIONS** beforehand.

Try to involve your children in the preparations for the meeting (baking, cleaning, rolling out the red carpet). The night of the meeting, ask them to help welcome everyone, help take coats, put out the snacks, etc. A lovely opportunity to teach Christian hospitality and share your family with the group!

Keep it simple. Please provide beverages (soft drinks, coffee, tea) and some sort of dessert after the meeting. **FELLOWSHIP**, not food, is the focus.

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>



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