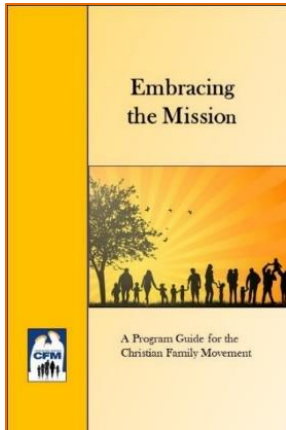


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“Be doers of the word and not hearers only.” James 1:22



Embracing the Mission: New Program 2018

Click for the Table of Contents: [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.

CFM IN ACTION

SAN RAMON, CALIFORNIA - New leaders ARE stepping up at St. Ann's Parish CFM. **Annette and Rey Altamirano, Emily and Julio Ayala, and Sara Szkola and Jon Budzik** will begin to coordinate the groups this month. **Cathy and Mike Glazzy** are retiring as leaders, after many years of energetic service and inspiration. The Glazzys are also past National Board members.

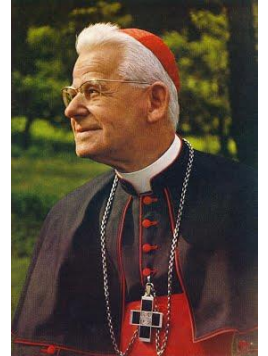
National Conference Postponed

CFM had planned to host a Family Conference in Virginia in Summer 2019. Unfortunately, the parish site had a change in plans and was not able to host the event. Thank you to all who offered to help and supported the planning efforts. Please stay tuned for news of the Conference plans as they develop.

INTEREST IN CFM - Last month, the CFM office received inquiries from **Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Colorado**. Mentors are following up.

Lay Movements Use OJA Method to Transform Society

On July 6-8, 2018, at Mount St. Joseph College, in Cincinnati, OH, National Board members **John and Lauri Przybysz** and **Brian and Mary Ann Thelen**



represented CFM at a conference of all the movements that have their roots in the teaching of **Cardinal Joseph Cardijn**. Scholars and leaders from the US, Australia, Africa, South America were there. Past Presidents, **Paul and Jane Leingang** also attended. CFM-USA was a Silver Sponsor of the conference.

Cardijn's method of looking around at the social reality, reaching conclusions about what the Gospel has to say about it, and then putting those conclusions into practice has informed the thought of **Pope Francis** since his years in Latin America. and we see echoes of Observe, Judge, Act in “Laudato Si”, on the Care for Our Common Home,” as well as in the methods of the recent Synods on the Family.

The **Thelens and Przybyszs** presented a workshop experience of a CFM meeting, using one of the chapters from our new book, *Embracing the Mission*, which features the teaching of Cardinal Cardijn. Lauri presented a paper on how CFM continues the work of Cardinal Cardijn today. [Read the paper here](#). All the talks were recorded and the conference proceedings will be published this fall.

The other Cardijn-inspired Jocist* movements like **Young Christian Workers** and **Young Christian Students** (college and high school chapters) have faded in the US, but continue to be active in other countries, particularly Australia, South America, and Africa. (*The term "jocist" comes from the French initials of the Young Christian Workers, JOC.)

For more information about the Cardijn movements, his teachings, and the case for his canonization, visit <http://www.josephcardijn.com/>

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.

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Family Resource: Taming Time



Susan Vogt, Catholic family life minister, says, "Are you too busy? Most of us are, especially if we're dual career, raising a family, helping with grand kids or all 3. Check out [Taming Time](#) for ideas on how to cope."

Susan is author of Marriage

Moments and Parenting Pointers that CFM members can choose to receive by email.

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.

Organizing CFM for Future Growth

The CFM National Board of Directors met in Winterset, Iowa, which is home to **Rick and Sandy Hoenig**, National Treasurers. All enjoyed the friendly hospitality of the town. Before getting down to business of planning for CFM's future programming and recruitment, board members from **California, Nebraska, Michigan, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Illinois** visited boarded a bus tour the Bridges of Madison County and John Wayne's birthplace and museum, and County Fair. At the meeting, new Board **Members Greg Herr and Karen Lee Thorp** and **Deacon Jerry and Ronnie Brennan** were commissioned for their two-year terms of service.

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Thank you, Bishop Rassas!

Bishop George Rassas

joined the board members for their Summer meeting, as he has been doing since 2013.

Bishop Rassas is retiring this year as Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. At the meeting, CFM presented Bishop Rassas with the Hillenbrand Award, recognition for exemplary CFM chaplains.

The award is named for Chicago native son, **Msgr. Reynold Hillenbrand**, the first National Chaplain of the Christian Family Movement in 1949 serving for 23 years.

The Christian Family Movement has presented the Hillenbrand Award four other times.

Past recipients are:

- **Msgr. Michael Lenihan**, Redondo Beach, CA
- **Fr. Sam Palmer**, Des Moines, IA.
- **Fr. Tom Rzepiela**, Arlington Heights, IL
- **Fr. Don Conroy**, Indiana, PA



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"The laity will have to come to a comprehension that our blessed Lord was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles but in the world, on a road way, in a town garbage heap, at the crossroads where there were three languages written upon the Cross.... He placed Himself at the very center of the world, in the midst of smut, thieves, soldiers and gamblers. He was there to extend pardon to them. This is the vocation of the laity: to go out into the world and make Christ known." - **Venerable Fulton J. Sheen**