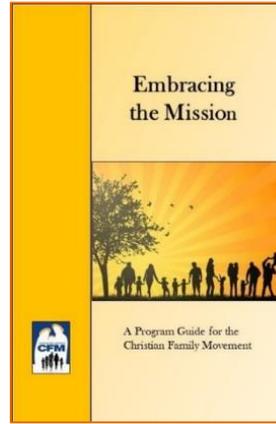




# ACT Newsletter

September 2018

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



## Embracing the Mission: Program 2018

[NEW: LEADER GUIDE](#)  
[written for each chapter!](#)

*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](#) also includes 3 "Family and Community" Meetings to introduce more families at your parish to CFM.

## Share Your Act

For great ideas for your group's actions, visit

[Action Ideas on the CFM webpage](#). Tell what you do to put your faith in action. Pictures help tell the story.

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

## CFM IN ACTION

PITTSBURGH, PA - **Juliette and Sam Tirone** report, "Once again, our CFM families held a summer picnic at a local park after first attending Mass together at St. Philip Church. It was a beautiful evening of food, fellowship, and service.

We had over 40 people in attendance with representatives from three different CFM groups in the West Pittsburgh area.



At the conclusion of the picnic, we assembled 90 'Blessing Bags' that included toiletry items, snacks, a drink, socks, and a personal note of encouragement for the recipient. Each family left with several of the bags to be kept in their cars and distributed to homeless folks when traveling throughout the city of Pittsburgh (or anywhere). How to meet the needs of our homeless 'neighbors' is a frequent topic of conversation in our CFM meetings. Most people aren't comfortable just handing out money, but want to do something helpful. By handing out the Blessing Bags, our hope is to have a meaningful interaction with our homeless brothers and sisters."

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

ARVADA, CO - **Dave and Billie Kilman** continue to lead their Grandparents group at their parish.

OMAHA, NE - St Vincent de Paul parish held a Kick- Off party on Sunday, August 26, to register families for the coming year. St. Vincent's has five CFM groups led by **Toni and Bob Elliott, Julie and Mike Sharp, Sara and Devon Miller, Stephanie Barth, and Laura and Ted Pollack. Steve and Donna McCullough and Tom and Mary Kay Halpin** coordinate the groups for the parish.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP!

Many have written to report that they are continuing to lead CFM in their parishes all over the country, including Pennsylvania, Iowa, Nebraska, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, California, and more.

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.



**POLO SHIRTS FOR YOUR GROUP:**  
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Wear and share the news of CFM. All colors and sizes. Kids', too.



CFM at St. Lawrence Martyr parish in Torrance, CA, welcomes new families each year. CFM activities consist of monthly small group adult meetings, large-group family events and many opportunities for social outreach. **John and Mary Poprac**, chapter leaders and national presidents, served at the recent chili cookoff.

### 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 for 2020 as they develop.

### 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>

"For me, laymen are not formed ... through books, purely theoretical teaching or spoken lectures however magnificent, or even through discussions....

Laymen are formed first of all by the discovery of facts, followed by a Christian judgment, resulting in the actions they plan, the plans they carry into effect, and the responsibilities they shoulder."

- Cardinal Joseph Cardijn

[Read more about how CFM continues to teach lay people to Observe, Judge, and Act.](#)



Past National Chaplain, **Fr. Don Conroy**, with friends after Mass at St. Bernard Church, Indiana, PA. (Notice how Fr. Don represents "green" in the rainbow!) He directs the **National Institute for the Family** in Washington, DC, a research and development organization that promotes the family as a Domestic Church and Households of Faith. Visit their website at [globalfamily.global/nif](http://globalfamily.global/nif).