



ACT Newsletter

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

CFM IN ACTION

SAN RAMON, CALIFORNIA - CFM at **St. Joan of Arc Parish** signed up several new families after making invitations at Sunday Masses. The parish has 6 CFM groups this year, 3 "regular" and 3 empty-nesters' groups. **Annette and Rey Altamirano, Emily and Julio Ayala, and Sara Szkola and Jon Budzik** are coordinating the groups. **Cathy and Mike Glazzy** retired as leaders, after many years of energetic service and inspiration. The Glazzys have also served on the National Board of Directors.

WEST DES MOINES, IOWA - **St. Francis of Assisi** parish has multiple groups this season and growing! **Kelly Koenig** writes that, so far, they have 38 families using Embracing the Mission. They also have a new group using For Happier Families and they are exploring our digital program, Our Marriage: A Work in Progress.

Ideas for Giving Thanks

Want some creative ways to celebrate your Thanksgiving dinner this year? Try these suggestions from Susan Vogt for a

[Thanksgiving Ritual](http://susanvogt.net/EnrichmentEx.htm#ThanksgivingRitual).

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Thanksgiving Special Meeting

[Download this special meeting](#) for your group or to use as a family. Thanks to Past-Presidents **Gary and Kay Aitchison** for creating it for us! Their parish, **St. Cecilia**, Ames, Iowa, has several active groups.

Prepare the Way of the Lord: Beyond the Advent Wreath



Make a **Jesse Tree**, adding a daily symbol from the biblical stories of people who helped prepare the way for the Messiah. Use a real branch or draw a tree on poster board. Make the symbols out of paper, felt, or dough. [Click this link](#): to

download directions and a list of symbols for making your own Jesse Tree.

POLO SHIRTS FOR YOUR GROUP:

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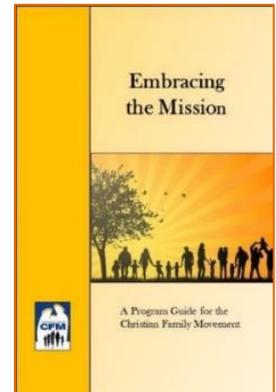
Wear and share the news of CFM. All colors and sizes. Kids', too.



NEW: LEADER GUIDE ONLINE!

[Click here](#)

Now group leaders have access to background resources for excellent CFM meetings and guides for planning relevant action. Download or read on your tablet the Leader Guide for EACH MEETING of the 2018 Program Book, *Embracing the Mission*. [See the Table of Contents](#) here. The program has eight topics and full directions for three "Family and Community" Meetings to introduce more families at your parish to CFM, 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 groups.



LIKE [CFM's Facebook page](#) to receive weekly Gospel reflections and inspiration for spreading the Good News.

READ [CFM's Blog for Family Spirituality insights](#), and find many more resources for successful groups at <http://www.cfm.org/>

XIV World Assembly of Christian Family Movements

Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico

July 12-14, 2019

"IN EVERY HOME,
SHINE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST"



Over 140,000 families worldwide belong to a CFM. *You are invited to meet some of them next summer!* The World Assembly is held every 3 years, gathering members of CFM organizations from around the world. The last assembly, 2016, was in San Antonio, Texas, hosted by the North American CFM organizations, including CFM-USA.

[Registration details are forthcoming.](#)

Visit <http://www.iccfm.org> to catch up on the missionary efforts of your CFM International Team in Ethiopia, Kuala Lumpur, Honduras, Vietnam, India, Ireland, and Philippines.

ARVADA, COLORADO - **Linda and Eugene Nuccio** shared about their group at **Spirit of Christ Catholic Community**, "If you combine all the years we have been in CFM in one state or more it comes to over 200 years." Among the



other long-time members are **Elaine and Gerry Fitzgerald, Pat and Frank Gacnik, Mary Lou and Bill Lenzen, and Larry and Maria Seid**. The group have done many outreach programs for peace and justice work and continue to volunteer in our communities with migrants, food banks and local issues. They also participated in many camping trips with their children. Linda says, "Our children are grown and contributing members of their communities thanks to the message they received through CFM. They were given roots and wings."



Married Couples' Newsletter Christmas Gift idea for that couple in your heart -- or for yourself! Subscription to this excellent bi-monthly **online publication** is just \$20/1-year, \$25/2-years. New topic each issue.

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CFM ELEVATOR SPEECH

Someone asks you, "What's CFM?" You have 2 minutes. Go!

"The Christian Family Movement promotes Christian marriage and family life, and helps people live their Christian faith in their everyday lives. Join other families to build a better world through actions of love, service, education, and example. It has made me a better spouse, a better parent, a better grandparent. It has helped make our home a place where we live our faith joyfully. CFM helps us to put love into action."

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