



ACT Newsletter

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

Happy Fathers’ Day! We love you, Dads!

United in Prayer



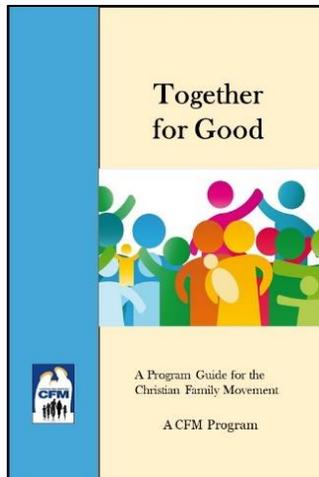
[Click to Pray.](#) Download the app to pray along with the Universal Church.

Celebrate CFM's 70th Anniversary; Donate to Support CFM's Future

As the Christian Family Movement enters its 70th year, we are working on a new strategy for introducing CFM to the next generation of families. We call it “CFM in a Box,” an easy to use set of materials to start and grow CFM. **With help from our generous donors, we can produce materials that are professionally done, eye-catching in appearance, and provide all the information needed to successfully start a CFM chapter.** Your financial donation to this campaign will help us make the “CFM in a Box” a reality and help continue the legacy of CFM. Perhaps you can consider making a donation in honor of someone who has shared the legacy of CFM with you. All donations are welcome and will be acknowledged on our website. Donate online to the Anniversary Appeal at https://www.cfm.org/anniversary_appeal

New Program: *Together for Good* - Available in July 2019

As members of Christ’s family, we are all bound by a lasting commitment to each other and the promise to work together to do good. While Christian families want to be “together for good,” our relationships and commitments come with stresses and struggles. This CFM program, *Together for Good*, explores challenges modern families face in order to live intentionally as Christ’s disciples in today’s fast-paced and distracting world. TFG has eight meetings, in print and as a downloadable book.



Preview *Together for Good* now! [Together for Good Leader's Guide](#) is available for download [here](#), including full participants' text and added helpful background and meeting helps for the group leader.

"This is the great mission of the family: to make room for Jesus who comes, to receive Jesus in the family, in the person of the children, of the husband, of the wife, of the grandparents. Jesus is



there. Welcome him there, so that he will grow spiritually in that family.”

- Pope Francis

Plan a Group PICNIC!

Inside the 2018 CFM Program, *Embracing the Mission*, you will find 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. "Caring for God's Creation" on page 72 of [Embracing the Mission](#) has all the details for a super picnic meeting--ideal for recruiting to CFM.





Explore this website and blog, [Families of Character](#), a Christian organization committed to providing families tools to make home the most loving and unified place for children to grow. **"We believe that one of the best places to begin changing the world is at home."**

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT BONUS

As we start the summer, many couples and families plan vacations. Help couples sort through their travel differences with this fun quiz: "[Do We Make Good Travel Companions?](#)" From Susan Vogt, author of *Marriage Moments* and *Parenting Pointers*.

Involving the Kids?

Some CFM groups meet only with the adults, and during the meeting the members plan actions that include the whole family at another time. Some groups have a babysitter present at their meetings to oversee children as they play nearby. Some groups plan activities for children during their meeting that relate to the adult discussion topic. **Whether or not children accompany their parents to the CFM meeting, adults learn how to continue the discussion at home and include their children in their actions** of education, service, and prayer. The Action part of CFM is the key enrichment for the whole family! **Find some [great ideas for family actions](#) on the CFM webpage.**



SHARE YOUR ACT

Please share your story and a photo with ACT. Your Actions are an essential part of the Movement. Please tell what you do to put your faith in action. Pictures help tell the story, so please send photos. [Visit "Share Your Act" here & tell your story.](#)



CFM Pioneer **Barbara Wyman** passed away in September last year. Barbara and her husband Doug were early champions of the Christian Family Movement in Oak Park, IL. **Rest in peace, good and faithful servant.**

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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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