



# ACT Newsletter

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

## Happy 70th Anniversary, CFM! 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. **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.** Donate online to the Anniversary Appeal at [https://www.cfm.org/anniversary\\_appeal](https://www.cfm.org/anniversary_appeal) Your financial donation to this campaign will help us make the “CFM in a Box” a reality and help continue the legacy of CFM. Consider making a donation in honor of someone who has shared the legacy of CFM with you.

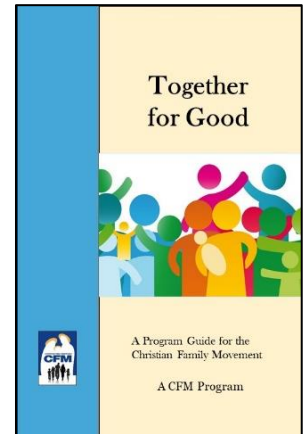
## SHARE YOUR ACT

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.](#)

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

## [Renew Your Membership Online!](#) 2019 Program Book *Together for Good*

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. *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.



## LEADER GUIDES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Leaders can now access background information and leader tips for the following CFM Programs at [https://www.cfm.org/leader\\_guides](https://www.cfm.org/leader_guides):

- *For Happier Families*
- *Meeting Jesus Changes Everything*
- *Embracing the Mission*
- *Together for Good*

A Program Leader Guide is written to assist leaders in facilitating the meetings by giving them extra supplemental resources that might enrich the meeting.

## Parish Leaders Want CFM

OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN. **Fr. Louis Golamari**, National Spiritual Director and pastor of St. Jude the Apostle Parish, invited CFM leaders to hold an information evening in preparation for starting CFM groups in three regional parishes. **Brian and Mary Ann Thelen** will visit in August and September to launch the new CFM initiative.

WHITNEY, PENNSYLVANIA: **Fr. Jim Podlesny**, pastor of St. Cecilia and Sacred Heart Parishes, is hosting an information session with couples from his parish on Oct. 13. He is recruiting leader couples now. **Lauri and John Przybysz** and **Fr. Don Conroy**, Past

**National Chaplain**, will work with the local team to introduce CFM in the parish.

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA: **Margie and Larry Murchan**, past CFM Board Members and Officers, requested 50 CFM brochures to energize CFM in their diocese. They also plan to visit their new bishop, **Most Rev. Oscar Cantú**, who grew up in the Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico (CFM's sister organization).

HAVERHILL, MASSACHUSETTS: **Fr. Chris Wallace** wants to start CFM in his parish, All Saints. The CFM Office sent introductory materials and will assist the local leaders.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS: **Fr. Antony Paulose** requested a Starter Kit for his parish.

### *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>



## Africa CFM Presidents Visit USA



### The National

Institute for the Family will host a forum with African CFM Presidents from Malawi, **Margaret and Michael Moyo**, and their Chaplain **Fr. Mtseka** and other Catholic leaders on July 6 at the Josephite Seminary in Washington, DC. The Forum topic is "Inviting Leaders of Family Networks, Alliances and Organizations Globally to New Spiritual Vision." There will also be a tour of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the Franciscan Monastery. Local CFMers are invited to attend. **Lauri and John Przybysz** will host the group in their home. The Moyos and Fr. Mtseka will then travel to Mexico to attend the ICCFM World Assembly.



*Above:* Families from 11 nations gathered in San Antonio, Texas, in July 2016, for the 13th World Assembly of Christian Family Movements, hosted by North America CFM. The World Assembly is held every 3 years, gathering members of CFM organizations from around the world. The next World Assembly is July 12-14, 2019, in Mexico. The theme is "IN EVERY HOME, SHINE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST." Vice Presidents, **Sam and Juliette Tirone**, will represent CFM-USA at the 2019 Assembly. Over 140,000 families worldwide belong to a CFM. Visit <http://www.iccfm.org/index.php/missionary-visits> to learn more about the missionary efforts of CFM around the world.