



ACT Newsletter

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

Renew Your Membership Online!

Time to Kick Off the CFM Year!

Before your annual kick-off gathering, create calendar for your year so that people can plan ahead to attend.

If you plan to meet in homes, have a sign-pp Sheet for people to host the meetings in their homes.



Make a list of a few social and service ideas for people to consider. Maybe something for Advent and Lent? What would your folks enjoy doing?



More Ideas for a super CFM year:
[Socials](#)
[Service action](#)

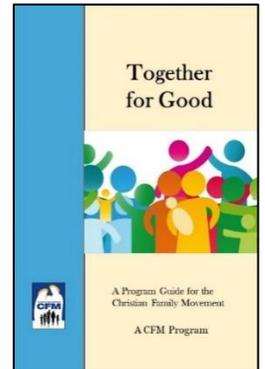
Have members sign up to coordinate an event or project. You will find a checklist for planners and [more leader aids](#) on the CFM website, here

Happy 70th Anniversary, CFM!

Help produce new introductory materials to attract the next generation of young families to join CFM. Donate online to the Anniversary Appeal at https://www.cfm.org/anniversary_appeal



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 ONLINE

Leaders can now access background information and leader tips for the following CFM Programs at https://www.cfm.org/leader_guides:

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

Why Did You Join CFM?

Share your story by emailing director@cfm.org. Members articulate the following reasons: To grow in faith and deepen your spiritual life. To raise your family in the faith. To bring you in contact with people of similar interest. To create new and close friendships. To make the connection between religion and everyday life. To grow in understanding and addressing the challenges facing our families at home, at work, at school, in our communities, in society and in public policy. To grow in leadership. To provide an avenue to share more directly in the work of Christ in the world.

More Parishes Starting CFM

OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN. New groups are starting at **St. Jude and Most Blessed Sacrament** parishes are beginning CFM. Fr. Louis Golomari and Adult Faith Formation director, Rob Saley invited CFM Presidents Brian and Mary Ann Thelen to do an information night. Deacon Jerry and Ronnie Brennan attended the parish kick-off.

EL PASO, TEXAS. Ray and Dora Rezendez are will host their first meeting for their **Ft. Bliss parish CFM** on Sept. 10. They made an invitation at Mass and announced it at his Monthly Knights of Columbus meeting.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. Diocesan Family Life Director, John Prust, is introducing CFM to young families in his own parish.



The CFM National Board of Directors met at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Woodbridge, Virginia, in August. National Spiritual Advisor Fr. Louis Golomari (left) and Presidents Brian and Mary Ann Thelen (center) led a commissioning prayer for new representatives from Illinois, Brad and Sally Shewmon (right).

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>

Like [CFM's Facebook page](#) to receive weekly Gospel reflection, courtesy of Catholic Family Life Minister, Dr. David M. Thomas



Ardy and Fred Grosskopf (back row right) sent this photo of their group in LaGrange, IL. They say, "Some of us have been in CFM since the '60s. Truly, these are friendships to be treasured."