

Let Us Pray Together for Peace, Health, Love for All in 2021!

All CFMers are invited to participate in Evening Prayer on Zoom, which will be live streamed from St. Jude Parish in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on **Saturday evening, January 23**. The prayer service will coincide with the national winter board meeting. You won't need a Facebook account to stream the prayer service. Watch [our Facebook page](#) for further details. We hope you can join us!

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**Join all CFMers
in praying the
Our Father at 8:30 p.m.
nightly for all those
affected by the
Covid-19 pandemic.**

The Way for Love and Justice Starts with Observe, Judge, Act

In his recent book, *Let Us, Dream*, Pope Francis teaches us that the changes we need in our society for justice and peace “can only happen through concrete actions in which all are protagonists and that flow from seeing, judging, and acting: sensing need, discerning which way to go, and building consensus for action....In every action we carry out for the sake of others we lay the foundations for restoring the dignity of our peoples and communities.” (p. 127)

Ideas for actions with special attention to Covid safety are at https://www.cfm.org/covid_actions.

CHAPLAIN SPOTLIGHT

Fr. Michael Walker

Fr. Michael Walker serves as chaplain for the Divide, CO, Grandparents CFM group. David and Billie Kilman, the group’s leaders, shared this story about his life and ministry.

Fr. Mike retired when he was 70 from the Kansas City Diocese, but helped in the Pueblo Diocese for another ten years. He is now living in a family cabin in Green Mountain Falls in Colorado, where he still enjoys being in the mountains. The members of the Divide group love him and appreciate his wise counsel and stories of his many years of priesthood.



Born February 12, 1937, Fr. Mike grew up in a Catholic family and decided to become a priest after he graduated from high school. His parish provided meals for the hungry, and he enjoyed that part of his ministry thoroughly. When a group came to his Diocese and asked for volunteers to work

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in the missions in Bolivia, Fr. Mike was immediately interested and volunteered. He was assigned to Coripata, Bolivia, high in the Andes Mountains. The recruiters had said the best thing you can do is work with the poor, but Fr. Mike found the people so very happy that he didn’t consider them “poor.” Fr. Mike says he was

happiest when working with people without funds “because they listen.” He served in Bolivia for 17 years, then went to Guatemala where he lived for seven more years. Banditos were rampant in that country. Once, when he and another man were walking along a lonely dirt road, four men with guns popped out and demanded money. They tied up and blindfolded Fr. Mike and his companion. Fr. Mike had saved up for a fridge and had a little money to give them. Later, the police caught two of them, but the police kept the money. After that, the people of his small town protected him. The next time banditos threatened Fr. Mike, the people said, “Don’t harm him! He is the Priest!”

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“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” Luke 1:45



How Will You Share in the Mission of CFM?

If your life has been touched by the mission of the Christian Family Movement, please consider donating and supporting us as we boldly step out in faith to do the Lord’s work! CFM is committed to reaching out to a wider audience, and this comes with a significant cost in updating and maintaining our digital and social media presence.

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CFMers Around the World Join in Prayer and Song

World Presidents, Wilma and Pip Cua from Manila, Philippines, hosted a Christmas celebration by Zoom, with 115 participants from CFM in Hungary, Sweden, Malta, Italy, Mexico, Central and South America, Canada, Spain, Africa, India, Sri Lanka, Australia, and USA. North America's contribution to the festivities may be viewed at <https://youtu.be/ux-34KjhpVo>. CFM-USA Vice-presidents Sam and Juliette Tirone are singing at the 10:23 mark.



“The Christian Ideal – especially for families – is a love that never gives up.”

- Amoris Laetitia, *The Joy of Love*, no. 119

The year 2021 is dedicated to St. Joseph and to family love. Here are six ways to put love into action:

Thank you! Is there somebody that I should say “thank you” to for something kind they did to me? For what can I say “thank you” to God?

I’m Sorry... Is there something I have said or done that I want to put right and say “sorry” for?

Spend some time with... Is there somebody from our wider family I haven’t seen in a while? Is there an older person in our family or neighborhood with whom I could visit and chat?

Let’s pray for... Is there somebody or something we want to pray for now or during the week?

How can I help? Make a difference. Is there something I can do to make life better for those around me and to help more at home? Is there somebody I can show a kindness to or ask if I can be of help to them?

Be the first to love! Is there somebody I have fallen out with to whom I can reach out and try to reconcile? Is there someone that others are excluding to whom I can reach out and make friends?

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