



Ways to Get New Members for Your CFM Section

Although your CFM group may have taken a break during the Pandemic, energize them for a new year! Plan a picnic or bbq and invite your friends to return or join your CFM group when you resume your regular schedule, either virtually or in person. Renew your CFM group, order books and invite others to join you.

[Use the online or paper forms at this link.](#)



Ideas for Growing Your CFM:

Get help from current members. Ask your members for recruitment ideas. They may have an idea you haven't thought of before, or know about opportunities within their own social networks.

Host a "bring a friend" meeting. Each one; reach one! Encourage members to bring someone. This could even be a recurring event so that new members are continually bringing new friends!

Reach out to *former* members. Some people might be ready to come back. Encourage members to share the ACT newsletter, especially if they're featured in it! How to get into ACT? Send your groups photos and ideas to director@cfm.org.



Kansas CFM Group Unites for Action

One of the couples in the Queen of the Holy Rosary CFM group in Bucyrus, where Deacon Tom and Kathy Rothermich are leaders, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Kathy shared, "They thought we were going to have a regular meeting, but we surprised them with an evening celebrating marriage, and with flowers, a cake and champagne. We all brought our wedding albums and it was fun to look at them together. For our discussion, everybody talked about how they met their spouse and fell in love. Then we all shared advice for a happy marriage, after years of

experience. We all enjoyed the evening. I think telling our own romantic stories was as meaningful as hearing everybody else's." In August, they will gather for a potluck barbecue and decide how they want to meet for the next year—in one or two groups, and at each other's homes or in the school cafeteria. In the past year, two groups combined and met at the parish school because of Covid. This spring, the members visited a local attraction, a life-size Last Supper sculpture at Country Club Christian Church.



Honor Grandparents! Share Your Photos with CFM

Pope Francis has established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is to be celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July to coincide with the feast of SS. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. To express the closeness of God and of the church to every older person, Pope Francis chose "I Am with You Always" from the Gospel of Matthew as the theme for first World Day for Grandparents and the elderly. We invite you to **share your favorite grandparent pictures** and, with your permission, we will share as many as we can in our ACT newsletter. Please share you photos by emailing director@cfm.org.

Loving Actions You Can Do *from Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers* author, Susan Vogt

- Use this prayer to bless your family when times are stressful: [Bless Your Child Today](#).
- Tell your spouse — or children — about what makes them feel loved. [Here are some ideas](#).



Wear Your Love for CFM! Order CFM Logo Shirts and Bags

Share the CFM message at church and in the community. Choose just the right apparel for your group at CFM's exclusive online Land's End store. You can add our logo in black or white lettering to any item. Shop and purchase directly from the full catalog at <https://business.landsend.com/store/christianfamilymovement/>

Seek On-Going Formation for Your "Irreplaceable" Vocation

- [Laypeople into Action](#), Cardinal Josef Cardijn, originator of Observe, Judge, Act

"Each layperson, whatever their function in life, and however modest their capabilities, has in their own life and environment, an apostolic vocation which they alone can fulfill; in this their mission is absolutely personal. It is also irreplaceable, in the sense that **if they do not fulfill it** in the circumstances in which God has placed them, the Church will be **unable to realize her mission to the full**. It is obviously not enough to seek out and raise up apostles. They always have to be trained. What is more, **they must be trained** with what is available, with people as they are. The Church prescribes six years of formation for those who intend to go into the priesthood before sending them into the world to evangelize. Can we be irresponsible enough to think that the layperson can be sent into the world without a deep and solid formation? Formation must be related to the mission. We must always come back to the **starting-point, which is the layperson's actual mission in the Church and in the world** if their formation is really to correspond to their needs. This must never be forgotten and must be repeated time and time again: the mission that belongs to the layperson, because he is a person, consists of discovering the secular and divine mission of humanity and linking it with the mystery of creation and redemption; he must give the temporal world its divine, religious, and redemptive meaning." **Act: Explore offerings at your parish or online.**



Pray and Act for Recovery from the Pandemic

Many people are still suffering from Covid. Pray the Our Father each day at 8:30 pm for those suffering and caregivers. Identify local agencies that are helping connect people to health resources and volunteer. Give a ride to someone who wants to be vaccinated. [Support efforts](#) for equitable access to vaccines.