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## People Are Waiting to Be Invited!

Friends, people you know are waiting to be invited to be a part of something like CFM.

Here are a few things you can do.

- Invite someone new to join your CFM group.
- Share this link with your community to bring more attention to the movement:

<https://www.facebook.com/115127075181039/posts/5042589635768067>

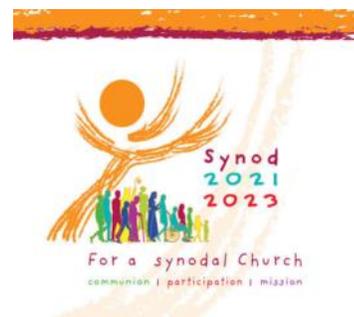
Get all the members of your CFM group(s) to “Like” the link above to bring more attention to the movement you love!

## World-wide Synod Process Begins in Dioceses

### Make Your Voices Heard; Learn More About Your Role

International lay organizations are invited to contribute feedback about the upcoming 2023 Synod on Synodality (which means “journeying together”). Visit your diocesan websites to find out how is this “journeying together” is happening today in your local Church? Some dioceses have begun the process and will hold listening sessions. Rather than debating Church doctrines, the Synod process explores how we are Church together, lay and ordained members, for the mission of Jesus. See all the news and documents related to this process at <https://www.synod.va/en.html>. Listening sessions will invite parishioners to pray and discern: “Where, in your experiences of Church, does the voice of the Spirit resound? What is he asking of us? What are the points to be confirmed, the prospects for change, the steps to be taken? Where do we register a consensus? What paths are opening up for one particular Church?”

For an example of how participants feedback is being requested, see the Archdiocese of Baltimore’s Synod webpage: <https://www.archbalt.org/synod-feedback/>. Even if your diocese is not involved, as a CFM group, download synod resources and submit your feedback directly to the general secretariat by August 15. Contact information can be found at the bottom of the synod website page <https://www.synod.va/en.html>.



## Serve CFM on the Board of Directors

Nominations are now being accepted for new Directors on the National Board. Board members meet twice a year and have monthly calls, working on strategies for sharing CFM and writing new program materials. They also have fun together and make new friends around the country. Nominees must be members, showing leadership skills in their local CFM. Self-nomination is allowed. See the [Job Description for Directors here](#).



## Blessed to Be Meeting Again!

We need to be creative to provide fellowship. People really want to get together if we can find ways that people are comfortable with. Here is a basic set-up for a CFM meeting in these unusual times. These Michigan CFMers gathered on the deck and felt blessed to be able to be together in person. The group also provided blankets if anyone wanted them, but that night no one needed them.

Some groups continue to meet on Zoom and plan actions that involve the whole family. [Here is some guidance for safe meetings and links to platforms for online meetings.](#)



## California CFMers Build Parish-wide Community

Members of St. Lawrence Martyr CFM in Redondo Beach hosted a kick-off event at their parish this month. They have already registered 22 families in several groups and are hoping to add members in the coming months. Look [in this Google folder](#) for recruiting resources that you can customize for your own kick-off efforts. Advent is a great time to invite people to join CFM.

## Share Your Favorite Christmas Photos!

World-wide CFM will have a virtual Christmas Party on December 4. Members from around the world will gather by Zoom and share photos, videos, and good wishes during a prayer time that starts at 9:00 PM Manila Time, the home of the ICCFM Presidents and Chaplain. All are welcome and we will share the link to join the festivities in the next issue of ACT.

## 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. Share correct information. Give a ride to someone who wants to be vaccinated. See resources from the [Catholic Cares Coalition for Vaccine Acceptance and Equity](#) (CFM is a member of the coalition of more than 50 organizations). [See a short video](#) about the reasons CFM joined the coalition.

We invite you to share your favorite Christmas images and video clips from past years for inclusion in the slideshow we are preparing for the ICCFM event. Please send them to the national office at [cfmdirector1@gmail.com](mailto:cfmdirector1@gmail.com).



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