



Action Group Leaders and Section Leaders!

Please Join Us for Our Leader Appreciation Event— Tuesday June 8!

We would like to invite all the parish section leaders and action group leaders to join together for a night of celebration and prayer. Pope Francis has declared 2021 as the *Year of St. Joseph* and March 19, 2021 – June 26, 2022 *The Year of Amoris Laetitia Family* – a year of celebrations! With this in mind, we want to celebrate you, our leaders. Join us for an hour of festivities on Tuesday, June 8 at 8:30 PM EST. We have special events in store for you and the evening, including an opportunity to win apparel with our new logo, song, joint prayer and stories from fellow group leaders. We hope you can join us. [Please RSVP by clicking here.](#) Once you click the button, you will receive the Zoom link in your email inbox.



Please pray the Our Father at 8:30 p.m. nightly for all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Ways To Get New Members For Your CFM Section

Although your CFM group may have taken a break during the Pandemic, plan now for Fall 2021. Invite your friends to return to or join your CFM group when you resume your regular schedule, either virtually or in person. Renew your CFM group and invite others to join you. [Use the online or paper forms.](#)



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.



Presidents' Corner

- Brian and Mary Ann Thelen



Happy Summer! The changed schedule of summer always makes my heart lighter. The warm wind, the bright colors of nature, the smell of barbecues and sound of laughter make us happy. We hope that the throes of the pandemic are lessening in your part of the country and that we all can start to see new opportunities for gathering as families, friends, and people of faith.

We have some exciting news for the Christian Family Movement. The pandemic hasn't stopped us from working hard to spread the mission of the family in evangelizing the world. We hope you have noticed that we have a new logo and have been

making some significant improvements in our training materials, our website, and overall outreach. Now is the time that we want to show our appreciation for all of you who have worked so hard over the years and particularly during the pandemic to keep the fire of faith burning in our homes and in our world.

We know how challenging this past year has been and we want to honor and energize our parish section leaders and action group leaders to a new level of zeal for the mission of the family. We hope you can join us for an hour of celebration on June 8 at 8:30 PM! Don't miss out on the opportunity to win shirts with our new logo. A generous donor who was inspired by the work you do has directed us to gift you with apparel that displays our new logo. **Please RSVP to join the celebration [by clicking here](#).** Once you click the button to RSVP and share your prayer request and good news, you will receive the Zoom link in your email inbox.

Spread Joy to Families in Your Parish or Neighborhood — Invite Them to Join CFM!

When you renew, request the latest program book, *Living the Beatitudes Today*. This book has 8 meetings for CFM groups to reflect on Christ's Sermon on the Mount as it applies to family life. In our Movement, we hope to be both instruments and recipients of God's love.

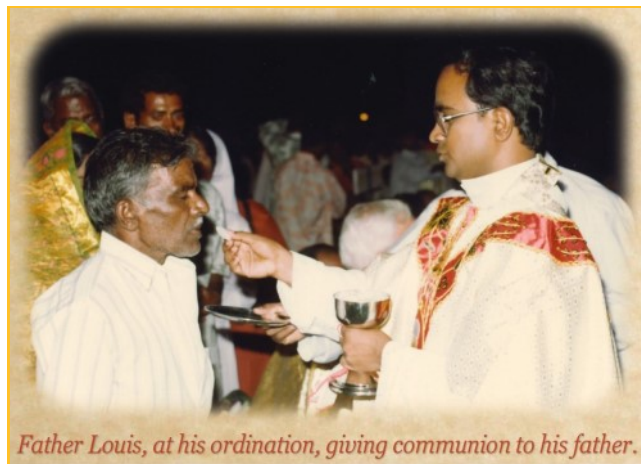
Living the Beatitudes Today, along with many more CFM programs, are available in print and as an e-book for members to download to their devices. A Leader Guide with extra resources is also available for members to download. [Explore all CFM program topics and materials here.](#)



In Loving Memory - Fr. Louis' Father

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sleeva R. Golamari, father of CFM's National Chaplain, Father Louis Golamari. Mr. Golamari passed away in India on May 26 at the age of 78. Please also pray for Fr. Louis' mother during this time of grief, and for Fr. Louis and his siblings who will not be able to attend the funeral due to Covid travel restrictions.

May choirs of angels lead him into paradise!



Father Louis, at his ordination, giving communion to his father.



Pray and Act for Recovery from Pandemic

While many of us are starting to benefit from the retreat of Covid—thanks to vaccines and social distancing practices—many people are still suffering, especially in India and Brazil. Track [the global impact](#) of the Pandemic and vaccines with the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center.

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](#) of groups like the Jesuit Relief Corps for equitable access to vaccines for migrants and refugees.

Service Idea: Organize a Grandparents' Group in Your Parish Using CFM Resources

The [Day for Grandparents and Elders](#) is July 25. Put your CFM experience into practice and invite people to form a small group using CFM's *The Grand Adventure*. This 6-meeting social inquiry is available to members for free download. Contact the [national office](#) for assistance. They may enjoy it so much, they may decide to join CFM this fall!



The Archdiocese of Dubuque promotes such small groups for adult formation: "There is a saying, 'When Big, Go Small!' Small faith-sharing groups have proven to be the most effective way to form community where members can bring faith to life. With small groups, members can grow deeper in their relationship with Christ by breaking open the Word of God, engaging in meaningful conversation, and committing to care for one another." Parish faith formation director Linda Hansmeier, at St. John the Baptist in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, is using *The Grand Adventure* for her group. Pray for their success.



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 our media outreach as we boldly step out in faith to do the Lord's work! Click here to [Donate to CFM](#).