

Walking Together and Sharing Our Faith through CFM



Families benefit in at least six ways from joining CFM.

1. CFM builds Christian community in which individuals, marriages and families are supported and grow. Families socialize together and develop an extended family connection.
2. This experience helps husbands and wives spend time together and develop common interests. Experience shows that CFM is a welcoming environment for inter-faith marriages. Single parents also find support in a CFM group.
3. CFM enriches families. Much of what is discussed in the parents' small group meetings is carried back into the family. Parents learn how to be better parents and spouses.
4. CFM challenges participants to be seven-day-a-week disciples of Jesus Christ. It helps people apply the gospels to their everyday life.
5. CFM challenges individuals to develop their gifts and talents and to speak confidently about their faith. It is a catalyst for creating parish and community leaders.
6. CFM increases social consciousness. It helps families to be aware of the problems in families and communities.

Pastors and parish leaders, you are looking for a way to help families find enriching activities and meaningful, faith-building experiences for their family -- without overburdening your parish schedule! With your encouragement, parishioners can make CFM happen.

The Christian Family Movement has the tools lay leaders can use to start small family enrichment groups for themselves! CFM materials are Catholic and are inclusive of inter-church families. They are welcoming to couples and single parents, too.

VALUE OF CFM FOR PARISHES

- ❖ When families engage with one another, they encourage best use of their gifts. The natural fruit is often parish-based service.
- ❖ Both parishes and CFM groups have the same goal: getting their members to Heaven.
- ❖ CFM can build your parish into a family of families.

The U.S. Catholic Bishops recommend CFM in *Follow the Way of Love* and *Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium*, as well as in their planning materials for the National Pastoral Initiative on Marriage. CFM is a member of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers, NACFLM.

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