

ABOUT US



CFM SYMBOL

In our Prayer for the Christian Family Movement, we pray "Holy Trinity, you are a family. We believe you wish our families to reflect your heavenly community." The CFM logo uses a traditional symbol for the Holy Trinity. The initials of the Christian Family Movement "CFM" are formed from these interlocking circles. This symbol serves as a powerful icon pointing to the key mystery of the Christian faith (the Holy Trinity) as well as the call for the family to be an image of the love and unity found perfectly within the Triune God.

BACKGROUND

The Christian Family Movement, or CFM, was founded in Chicago, IL in 1949, as a Roman Catholic lay movement. CFM is a network of small groups of Catholics/Christians and their families that gather for the purpose of Christian family discipleship. CFM produces social inquiries on topics that families deal with every day and helps bring them into a Christian faith-based discussion. Time spent in discussion, socializing, and service builds families into a community providing support for each other, life to the parish, Christ to the community, and a catalyst for Christian influence in society.

MISSION

The mission of the Christian Family Movement is to promote Christian marriage and family life, to help people to live the Christian faith in everyday life, and to improve society through actions of love, service, education and example.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Christian Family Movement strives to equip families to intentionally address the concerns facing families in modern society, to help them discover ways to grow in holiness themselves and as families, and, ultimately, to bring the light of Christ into their environments.

The problem for Catholic/Christian families lies not primarily in the correct answers as in the application of these answers in their daily lives. Through the Jocist Method of social inquiry (observe, judge, act) pioneered by Servant of God Cardinal Joseph Cardijn, members are empowered to transform their good intentions into actions.

The primary objectives of CFM are the Christian formation of its members through repeated small acts of service and the constant effort to make a difference. To effect change in one's life and one's environment even in very little ways, creates *training through action* which is at the heart of the movement.