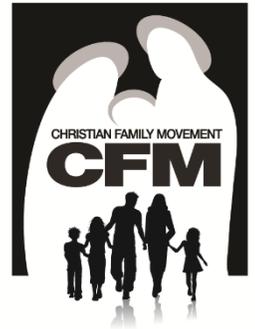


## WHY YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

CFM is a national network of parish-based faith-sharing groups. Families join CFM on an annual basis to support the mission of the movement. The mission of CFM is:

- To promote Christ-centered marriage and family life.
- To help individuals and their families to live the Christian faith in everyday life.
- To improve society through actions of love, service, education, and example.



1. One way that CFM accomplishes its mission is by providing meeting guides (program books) to its members for use in their small faith-sharing groups. These guides are provided as a benefit of membership. Other benefits include the ACT e-newsletter, CFM Blog, and access to electronic meetings on the CFM website. As members meet in their small groups, they Observe, Judge and Act to make their world a better place.
2. **Your donation (suggested \$40 per family) supports our mission.** When you donate, you are saying that the values represented by CFM are important to you. Most of the work of the Movement is done by individual members who absorb their own expenses. Donations from members cover the administrative costs of a small national office, outreach to new families, and advertising to make our mission and programs known to new members, pastors, and family life ministers. Your donations support new families who try CFM for the first time.

**On the back of this sheet is information about the importance of CFM donations.**

**Please share it with your members.**

*If the \$40 suggested amount presents a hardship for anyone, please encourage them to contribute whatever they can. No one will be excluded from CFM for economic reasons.*

3. **Memberships should be renewed annually. If your group renews each fall, please try to return renewal forms and donations by October 1.** Even if your group has not completed the inquiry book you are currently using, renewal is important to ensure that members continue to receive the full benefits of membership.
4. **Your membership includes a meeting guide (program book).** Our preference is that each member family uses our on-line membership and donation forms. <http://www.cfm.org/join-and-renew-form> If your members prefer paper forms, one is included in this packet. Feel free to make copies for your group. We send the requested books after we receive your membership forms.
5. If you wish to have books on hand during your membership drive to give out when members register, we can **bill you for the memberships (\$40/family renewals; \$10/new memberships).** We will send one book per membership. You will be responsible for the amount on the bill, although books can be returned for credit.
6. **CFM is a movement and we want to keep our members connected.** It is important that group leaders send a list of their members contact info so we can keep in touch with all active members regardless of donation level. A sample group list is included in this 2017 packet. If you have your own database, you may send us a printout or an electronic file. Please collect at least the mailing and email addresses of each member.
7. Except for library or expansion purposes, **program books may not be purchased without membership (since CFM is not a book-seller).** Review copies for parish leaders are \$10.00 each and can be returned, unused, for credit. Replacement books, or extra books for couples who want two books, are \$10.00.
8. **Please allow 10 working days for your order to reach you.** Regular shipping for group orders is \$5. Expedited shipping can be arranged at your expense.

# What Your Donations Do

Thanks to the generous donations of our members, CFM continues to grow! This year we are transitioning our operations to a new platform which enables the national office to more easily communicate with our members and increase interaction among our nationwide membership. We continue to collaborate with the marriage-supporting efforts of the worldwide Church. CFM participated in the 2017 Convocation for Catholic Leaders.

To support the work of the movement now and in the future, we rely on the donations of our members and supporters.

## 1. **Member Benefits:**

All members receive a meeting guide/program book; they also receive ACT, our e-newsletter, with features on married spirituality and ideas for family faith-building activities from family life ministers and experienced parents throughout the country (CFM members throughout the county submit articles for ACT). Interested CFM members can also receive resources for parenting and faith formation by e-mail from CFM and can access bonus meeting ideas and family faith activities on our website [www.cfm.org](http://www.cfm.org) and our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ChristianFamilyMovement](http://www.facebook.com/ChristianFamilyMovement).

## 2. **Outreach:**

Your membership donation makes it possible for CFM to offer Starter Kits for **new** CFM parishes at a reduced introductory rate of \$10 per family. The Member Services Director also spends time responding to inquiries from people new to CFM. To support CFM around the world, CFM-USA families contribute \$2/family to the International Confederation of CFM and CFM North America. CFM is active in 48 countries on 5 continents, with 120,000 nuclear families, and 5,000 single-parent families worldwide!

## 3. **National Office:**

CFM maintains a small, efficient national office which employs a part-time Member Services Director and a part-time Executive Director to fulfill member requests, respond to inquiries, send out Starter Kits to new parishes, communicate with parish leaders and members, and promote the growth of the movement. Office expenses include the costs of shipping, computer/email/website costs, and general office expenses. We are fortunate to have rent-free office space.

## 4. **Advertising:**

We want more families to experience the blessings of participation in CFM. To this end, CFM is a member of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM). We also sponsor an advertisement in the NACFLM Parish Resource Guide and frequently submit articles to the NACFLM newsletter. Through our association with NACFLM, we have received many inquiries from people who are interested in learning more about CFM. New groups continue to be formed due to promotion of CFM through NACFLM.

## 5. **Board of Directors:**

CFM's national board of directors meets monthly via virtual meetings to facilitate the development of program materials, manage the ongoing operation of CFM, and decide on ways to reach more families. Bi-annual meetings are face-to-face. For these meetings, most of these volunteer board members, from all over the country, cover the cost of travel, lodging and meals on their own. CFM provides for the travel expenses of our National Chaplain and also provides help with travel expenses for some board members who otherwise would not be able to participate on the national level. We do not want membership on the board to be a financial hardship for anyone.