

Tools for Inviting More Families to CFM



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS & TEXT MESSAGES

WHAT IS CFM?

The Christian Family Movement is a new group starting here at St. _____. We are looking for couples who want a place to share values, faith and a place to experience Jesus in their lives and the lives of their family.

CFM is hosting coffee and doughnuts on (date) and (location). Stop in and find out what we are up to and see if CFM is for you.

CFM OFFERS FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR TODAY'S BUSY FAMILY

Families, fun, and faith in action -- that is what the Christian Family Movement is all about. Through prayer, discussion, and action families grow in their faith and provide support and friendship to one another. Families learn to live their faith in their everyday lives, at home, in our communities and in the market place. If you want to learn more about this new group here at St. _____, attend the upcoming information night on (date), at (location).

OBSERVE- JUDGE- ACT in CFM

Observe - Judge -Act is a method that develops everyday Christians. Members of the Christian family Movement are asked to OBSERVE a situation from daily life. They JUDGE whether or not it needs to be changed based on Gospel values. If so, they ACT to make a difference. They undertake a simple action that will help to change the situation; that will bring persons and the world closer to what Christ wants. By this process, they change themselves. They grow in love and understanding of God's world, and develop a way of life that puts their faith into action in their homes, workplaces, and communities.

Helpful hint: Our logo communicates our mission. Copy it from the CFM website and send it to your bulletin editor so they can run the logo alongside your announcement.

A SHORT PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT

Many of us are looking for a way to enrich married life and find meaningful, faith-building activities for our families. Even though we all have busy schedules, we want to make time to build strong families and happy marriages. We are starting some small groups at St._____ that will meet (weekly or twice a month) for 90-minutes. The groups will set their own schedules and plan their own activities, depending on the interests and ages of their members. We will use a program book from the Christian Family Movement - CFM. The U.S. Catholic Bishops recommend CFM in their pastoral letter to families, *Follow the Way of Love*, and CFM is a member of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers. An information meeting will be held at _____ (place, date, time.)

Invite Your Friends to Try CFM Sample Invitation



Dear _____,

Many of us are looking for a way to enrich our family life and find meaningful, faith-building activities for our families. Even though we all have busy schedules, we want to make time to build strong families and happy marriages.

We have found a simple way to make this happen and we would like to invite you to try it with us. We are beginning a small group of three (or four or five) couples or individuals at our home. All who want to grow in faith as a family are welcome to join.

The group will meet (recommended: twice a month) for 90-minutes. (Details of your meetings here: The group may either meet as adults only or they may decide to bring their children with them to the meeting. Some groups may like to start their meetings with a meal. Some might just offer light refreshments. If the group will have a babysitter at the meeting, explain that here. The details are totally up to each group.)

For some of our meetings, we will use a program book from the Christian Family Movement – CFM, a national network of small groups of Catholics and their families. Other times, we will meet to do a social or service project that includes the whole family. Annual dues are \$10/family for new members; annual renewal is \$40/family. You will receive a program book (title here) that will guide our meetings. We can take turns hosting the meetings in (our homes or at the parish),

To find out more about CFM, visit <http://www.cfm.org>. The FAQ section explains the movement well. The U.S. Catholic Bishops recommend CFM in their pastoral letter, *Follow the Way of Love*, and in other church documents, and CFM is a member of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers.

We think it will be fun getting together and talking about issues that matter to our families and building our faith at the same time. We hope you can come.

Your friends,

Rose and Chris