

ACT Newsletter

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"Be doers of the word and not hearers only." James 1:22

Lent: A Good Time to Share CFM with Your Parish

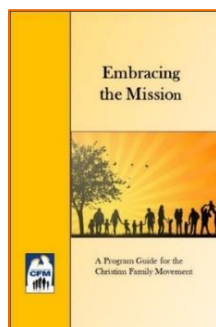
Sample Pulpit Announcement

"When Jesus sent out His disciples to announce His coming, He sent them two by two. He wanted them to have companions on the journey. It is still true today for Christian Families, we need companions on the journey of faith. Our parish is supporting Christian marriage and family life with a program to help people to live their faith in everyday life. Single parents are welcome! We will be meeting twice a month (add details here: in our homes, in the parish, whatever works for your families). Please come to the parish hall after Mass today to learn how you can join other families to build a better world through actions of love, service, education, and example. *We have donuts!*"

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CFM FAMILIES SHARE THEIR STORIES

OMAHA, NE. CFMers from **St Bernard Parish** made Valentine's for shut ins of the parish and for students attending Madonna School. This has been a tradition for more than 25 years. Before making the Valentines, pizza was



ordered and snacks were served. **Marcy Stefan** said, "Receiving a homemade Valentine is a source of joy to many. Making them was a good time also. This is a tradition worth keeping."

BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA. **Fr. Sean O'Brien** is starting a CFM group in his parish, **St. Anne's**. He found CFM online!

DIVIDE, COLORADO. **Billie and David Kilman** lead this long-time group that they now call "Grandparents CFM" with five couples and one priest. Their parish only has 300 members and 55 organizations. It is short on family organizations. They like the structure of CFM and they are using *Embracing the Mission*. They always use the latest CFM book is and apply it to their own lives.

WOODENVILLE, WA. **Debbie Weidner**, pastoral associate at **Holy Innocents Church**, reports that their 12 families there enjoy CFM.

RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA. **Roma Lee Rasmussen** reports that their active group at **St. Richard's** has 8 couples and a single lady this year. They are using *Meeting Jesus Changes Everything*. They also do "Feed My Starving Children" one month and help at a food pantry another month.



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MILLERSVILLE, MARYLAND. CFM families led the Pro-life Rosary at one of the weekly Lenten prayer services at their church, **Our Lady of the Fields**. There was one of several parish organizations that each took a turn. Members also attended the March for Life in Washington, DC, this year.

PASADENA, TEXAS. **St. Pius V Parish** is exploring starting CFM. They have the Spanish CFM, and hope to involve the English-speaking community in CFM.

New Board Members Share Their Gifts for Happier Families **Brad & Sally Shewmon, Arlington Heights, IL,**



at Our Lady of the Wayside Parish: "We believe in its ability to bring families together in Christ. We value the method used of Observe, Judge, Act and appreciate the call to Service. We believe CFM helps families grow in faith, community and charity."

Ruth and Vern Schaefer, Ames, Iowa at St. Cecilia Parish: "We were introduced to CFM by invitation to join a CFM small group at St. Cecilia's church in 2003 or 2004. We have been members of the Ames 8 group since that time. We have greatly enjoyed the CFM experience we have shared with the other seven couples over the past 15 years. **Gary and Kay Aitchison** (past National and International presidents and executive directors) are members of this group and through the years they have shared much of their experiences of their involvement with national and international CFM groups.

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XIV World Assembly of Christian Family Movements **Morelia, Mexico** **July 12-14, 2019**

"IN EVERY HOME, SHINE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST"
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Write Your Own Meeting?

Experienced CFM groups, you might enjoy trying your hand at writing your own meeting. Focus on a particular experience or concern that your group has right now. Practice applying Observe, Judge, Act, using the free [meeting, "Seeing God's Face"](#)



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