

United in Purpose...Guided by a Common Vision

The Board of Directors met January 29 - 30, 2022 for our Winter Board Meeting. Due to the high numbers of the Omicron variant across the country, plans were changed to meet virtually instead of being hosted by St. Lawrence Martyr CFM in Redondo Beach, CA. In addition to CFM-USA board members, Bishop George Rassas & North American ICCFM presidents, Wilbur & Juanita Hooker participated in the weekend's meetings and prayers. We also formally welcomed our new Member Services Administrator, Pam Kuzel. The weekend was focused on evaluating & refining our efforts at engaging young families as well as collaborating with parishes & diocese. It is our goal to help them form small communities of faith focused on accompanying & strengthening families, allowing them to recognize & carry out their mission in the world. Included in the discussions were themes for the upcoming program books, planning for our 75th anniversary, new initiatives in social media & mentor recruitment & training. Our next board meeting is scheduled for the first weekend in August in Omaha, Nebraska and will be hosted by the St. Vincent DePaul CFM groups there.



But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; Wherever you are, whoever you are, this is for you. Matthew 20:26

The CFM National Board meet & work on a regular basis with "CFMers" across America to make CFM a vibrant and visionary Christian lay organization. Through time, many dedicated leaders have served on the board, bringing in a variety of talents and energy. One thing that has not changed over the years is the passion to serve families and the drive to make our lives better, individually and collectively, all for the glory of God. If our hearts have connected through all the joys and sorrows, and the triumphs and trials, we want to hear from you as to how we can continue our journey together with more meaning and purpose. We want to serve you better. Please tell us how. Share your ideas by sending an email to act_editor@cfm.org.

**Thank you and Congratulations
on your Retirement, Lauri Przybysz!**

As many of you already know, Lauri retired in January 2022 as the Executive Director of CFM, a position that she has held for 6 years. She did an exemplary job serving CFM with her many talents and skills and untiring dedication. God bless you on your next adventures, Lauri!



We have many opportunities at the CFM National level for any member to exercise good stewardship of their God-given talents:

- Become a mentor or ambassador and help others start a new group.
- Invite families to your existing group or start a new group.
- Help format our yearly program book into a Microsoft Publisher template and our e-book in Word using an automatic table of contents.
- Post content on our Facebook Page and Instagram.
- Submit articles and ideas for our monthly ACT newsletter.



If you could help with any of these, please contact the national office - office@cfm.org

You may also sign in to your member account to access Resources for Leaders, including CFM graphics, sample bulletin and pulpit announcements, and much more.

**Marriage Moments and
Parenting Pointers**

by Susan Vogt



Lent is not just about giving up favorite foods for 6 weeks. Consider not only what goes into your mouth but what comes out of it. "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." (Romans 10:8) Try expressing a daily word of comfort or appreciation to your beloved throughout Lent.

As Christians enter the season of Lent, perhaps your family has already decided some treats they will "give up." Another approach is to brainstorm together what additional acts you will DO. Talk about possibilities, then DO it.

For more ideas and tools for becoming better marriage partners and parents, please visit www.SusanVogt.net or subscribe to her email list.



In Memory of Rosemary Duffy



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Rosemarie Livorsi Duffy who died on February 16, 2022 at the age of 95. Rosemarie and her deacon husband, Robert Duffy, were founding members in 1977 of CFM at Our Lady of Wayside in Arlington Heights, IL.

Rosemarie was a very active member of Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Parish, where she was a leading member of the Woman's Club and with her husband founded the PADS (Public Action for Decent Shelter) program. Rosemarie and Bob were married for 54 years until his death.

May Rosemarie rest in peace and may the Lord grant comfort to her family and loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Journey from PADS to HOPE, 1140 W. Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL 60074.

For your CFM group meeting in March, consider using any of the articles in this month's newsletter as part of your discussion. Which news piqued your interest? Was there something here that you'd like to know more about? What would you like to see featured in next month's ACT newsletter? Please share how this ACT Newsletter was used at your home, at your meeting, or in your life. We'd love to hear from you.