



### Pope Francis' Missionary Mandate to Families

Pope Francis' Missionary Mandate to Families was delivered at the World Meeting of Families this summer of 2022 in Rome. The ICCFM leaders hosted a Mass on September 7, 2022 to commemorate the founding day of ICCFM. Bishop Gerry Alminaza included this in his homily.

"Dear families,  
I invite you to continue your journey by listening to the Father who calls you: become missionaries in the ways of the world! Do not walk alone! You, young families, be guided by those who know the way, you who are further along, be companions on the journey for others. You who are lost because of difficulties, do not be overcome by sadness, trust the Love God has placed in you, plead daily with the Spirit to revive it.

Announce with joy the beauty of being family! Announce to children and young people the grace of Christian marriage. Give hope to those who have none. Act as if everything depends on you, knowing that everything must be entrusted to God. Be you who "sew" the fabric of society and of a synodal Church, creating relationships, multiplying love and life. Be a sign of the living Christ, do not be afraid of what the Lord asks of you, nor be generous with Him. Open yourselves to Christ, listen to Him in the silence of prayer. Accompany those who are most fragile, take charge of those who are alone, refugees, abandoned.

Be the seed of a more fraternal world! Be families with big hearts! Be the welcoming face of the Church! And please pray, always pray! May Mary, our Mother, come to your aid when there is no more wine, be a companion in the time of silence and trial, help you to walk together with her Risen Son."

### Fall kick-off at Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish, Bucyrus, KS

Thank you Tom and Kathy Rothermich for the following report!

We wanted to share this picture from a great CFM kick-off we had at our house. We are looking forward to a new year of friendship and enrichment for our groups. We recently learned that some CFM sections mix the people in their groups every year. We decided to try the same thing. We had everybody pick a number to form the groups! Everybody is friendly and welcoming, and if you aren't available to go to your regular group meeting, then you can attend another group...God bless all the CFM sections across the country as you begin your new CFM year!



### At the Movies

There is a good free resource for parents to guide their choices of movies to watch with their kids. **Sister Rose Goes to the Movies**, sponsored by RCL Benziger Catholic publishers (<http://www.sisterrosemovies.com/>). Sister Rose, famous Catholic media expert, gives 3 minute reviews and Study Guides to dozens of current movies. Here are a few of the reviews that she has done:

#### Jurassic World

[Jurassic World](#) | [Sister Rose Goes To The Movies](#) ([sisterrosemovies.com](http://www.sisterrosemovies.com/))

#### October Baby

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### Presidents' Perspective

Dear CFM Families, as the weather turns chilly, our thoughts turn to fall family fun... visits to pumpkin patches and apple orchards, hikes in the woods and kick-

ing up fallen leaves, making piles of leaves and kids jumping in them, helping our elderly neighbors with raking, smelling the aroma of baked goods with cinnamon and spice, warm soup and hot cocoa, cozy sweat-shirts and blankets, sounds of football games and full school yards, and the return of gathering with our CFM friends...What a blessed life family creates! Thank you for being part of our CFM family!

As we know, with family and life in general, there is joy and accountability. Fall also means elections. We urge you to observe, judge and act on the issues surrounding you locally, in your state and nationally. Learn and study the issues and vote accordingly. Couple this with prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as well as discerning how you might become actively involved. May God bless us to perform faithfully our civic duty.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for our 75th Anniversary Celebration , August 3-4, 2024 at the Mundelein Seminary in Illinois. All are invited, so start planning now! Bring your groups! Bring the kids! Bring people who can benefit from the fellowship, faith, and fun that CFM brings.

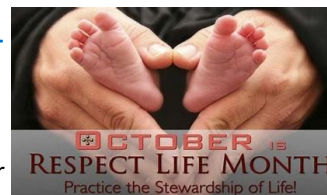


### **CFM turns 75 - a Diamond Jubilee!**

CALLING ALL NEW AND LONG-TIME CFMers! Please email us and tell us how long you have been in CFM. Photos of early and current groups and actions most welcome!

Please email us at: [75thAnniversary@cfm.org](mailto:75thAnniversary@cfm.org). or mail to: Christian Family Movement National Office, P.O. Box 266, Dexter, Mi 48130.

### **Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers** by Susan Vogt



Oct. 24 is "Take Back Your Time Day." It's about work/life balance and marriages can use this as much as workaholics. Talk with your beloved about how you use your "free" time. Do something fun together.

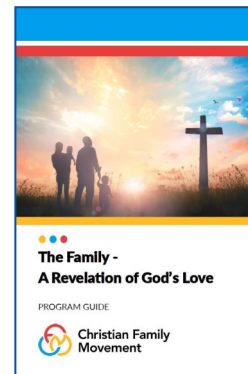
October is Respect Life Month. As a parent, I assume you speak respectfully to your children and they to you. Respecting life also means valuing all human life – especially the lives of the weak, the vulnerable, the unborn, the poor, even those with whom we disagree. With political speech becoming less civil, let your children hear you speak respectfully even of those you disagree with.

For more ideas and tools for becoming better marriage partners and parents, please visit [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net).

### **CFM Program Guide 2022**

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"...The most important life choice we can make is to *choose life*. In other words, to decide on core beliefs that will shape our character and define our purpose—the standards and values that determine how we live from day to day,



what we believe, where we will be at the end of our life and, most importantly, what will happen after that." Don Henson



### **TOPICAL CATALOG/INDEX of CFM BOOKS**

If you want to search for a specific topic from previous CFM books, use this link and follow the prompts.

[Programs Catalog - CFM-USA](#)

Also, for your upcoming CFM group meetings, please consider using any of the articles in our ACT newsletters 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 future ACT newsletters?

[ACT News - CFM Site](#)