



### CFM after 75 Years

As many of you already know, CFM will be celebrating its 75th year of being a blessing to many families in 2024. It will be held on August 3-4 at Mundelein Seminary in Illinois. We would like to invite you to share with us how CFM has helped you make lifelong friends, become disciples, and make a difference, individually or collectively. You may submit anecdotes, photos, and other types of mementos and we will feature them in our ACT newsletter as we gear up towards our grand celebration in 2024.

### CFM IN CALIFORNIA

#### STILL MAKING FRIENDS

Waller Park  
07-11-1965  
Santa Maria



Torrance  
10/1977

El Retiro  
Park  
Torrance  
10/2021



### STILL MAKING DISCIPLES

1960



2023



### STILL MAKING A DIFFERENCE

September 1960



April 2022



## **CFM Members Encourage Inter-Religious Dialogue**

CFM-USA board members Thelen, Zimmerman, Tirone and Przybysz and Fr. Don Conroy joined ICCFM's "An Hour Together in the Mission" Program on February 25, 2023, via Zoom.

Our speaker was Fr. Alexis Clement Prakash Fernando, National Chaplain from CFM Sri Lanka. He presented the Catholic perspective on inter-religious dialogue. The Church recognizes the Holy Spirit's saving activity among all peoples, whatever their religion. Christianity is actually a minority religion (30% worldwide, in Sri Lanka 6%), and we welcome other partners to heal the world. Christians are called to build bridges of love, to coexist peacefully, to work for the common good in our societies and to uphold the dignity of human life -- while we acknowledge our differences.

At the meeting, we saw more than 50 CFM leaders from Hungary, Philippines, India, Mexico, Spain, Panama, Peru, Malawi, Costa Rica, Thailand, Madagascar, as well as North America Continental Presidents Geremias and Rosario Morales, Past Continental Presidents Wilbur and Juanita Hooker, and Past International and CFM-USA presidents Gary and Kay Aitchison from Iowa.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/ICCFM>.

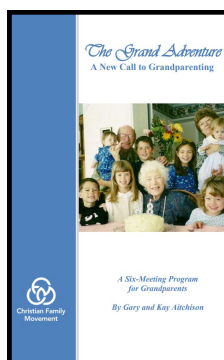


### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Eucharistic Congress** in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024  
<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

**15th World Assembly of the ICCFM** in Hungary—June 29 to July 2, 2023  
[Invitation EN.pdf](#) - [Google Drive](#)

## **Growing CFM**



A woman from St. John the Evangelist Church in Valley, Nebraska is working to start a group for Grandparents meeting during Lent.

A deacon from Holy Family Catholic Church in Parma, Ohio is working to bring CFM to the parish there.

If you would like to help in starting a CFM group, please contact the national office at [office@cfm.org](mailto:office@cfm.org) or visit [Resources for Members \(cfm.org\)](https://www.cfm.org/resources-for-members) for additional resources.

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

Mar. 17: Today is St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick purportedly explained the mystery of the Trinity by using a shamrock. Which person of the Trinity – Father (creator), Son (redeemer), or Holy Spirit (sustainer) do you most identify with? Ask your child the same question. Is there anything mysterious about your child that you are still trying to understand?

Mar. 20: March 20 is the official beginning of Spring. In the northern hemisphere new growth starts to sprout around us. Learn something new about your spouse today - no matter how long you've been married.

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



## **Ideas for Families to do during Lent**

### **Service Projects**

Here is a list of service projects for kids and opportunities for kids to volunteer within their community that will empower kids with responsibility, engage their compassion, and offer them the chance to affect the lives of others. Service projects to serve the elderly, service projects working with younger children, service projects that help the environment... locally and globally, kids can make a difference!

[35 Service Projects for Kids \(kidworldcitizen.org\)](https://www.kidworldcitizen.org/)

[11 Service Projects Kids Can Do - Coffee Cups and Crayons](#)

### **Lenten Resources**

[What is Lent?](#) | [USCCB](#)

### **Lenten Reflections**

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