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THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR VOICE!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in our CFM surveys this summer.

Whether you completed a survey as a new member, an online group participant, or at the end of the year, thank you for sharing your experience with us. Your feedback matters. Your insights help us better understand the needs of our members, strengthen our programs and resources, and make thoughtful decisions about the future of our movement.

Online CFM groups



are starting this month!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY A CFM MEETING?

Now is your chance to sample CFM through an online experience.

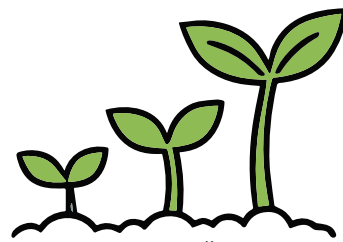
Stay for the entire season as part of our online community or just long enough to learn how to start an in-person CFM Group of your own.

West Coast - Thursday, 10/8, 6-7:30pm PT

East Coast - Tuesday, 10/13, 8-9:30 pm ET



A New Beginning for CFM in Evansville, IN



Sometimes the beginnings of a CFM group seem to have been years in the making!

Last year, Deacon Ed Walker at Resurrection Parish in Evansville, Indiana, was asked a simple question: **“Does our parish have an active Christian Family Movement?”**

He wasn't familiar with CFM, but the timing of the question was remarkable. Standing nearby was a couple who had helped bring CFM to Resurrection many years ago. A retired priest who happened to be covering Mass that weekend had been the pastor when CFM first began at the parish. And, as the conversation continued, another couple walked by who had taken over leadership of the ministry several years after its start.

It seemed that everywhere he turned, another piece of Resurrection's CFM history was appearing.

Inspired by the encounter, Deacon Walker approached the current pastor about exploring the possibility of bringing CFM back to the parish. He supported the idea, and another important connection soon emerged: a young woman whose family had participated in CFM when she was a child was willing to help. Her experience growing up in a CFM family had made a lasting impression, and now she had the opportunity to help introduce that same kind of faith-filled community to another generation of families.

What began with one unexpected question has now become a new CFM group at Resurrection Parish—with 14 new CFM members!

There is something especially beautiful about seeing the seeds planted by CFM families decades ago continuing to bear fruit today. Former leaders were willing to offer their encouragement and experience, a new generation stepped forward, and a parish community that once had a vibrant CFM presence is beginning again.



Please join us in praying for our newest CFM members in Evansville as they begin their journey together. May their families grow in friendship and faith, support one another through the joys and challenges of family life, and discover how God is calling them to bring Christ into their homes, parish, and community. And may their story remind us all that

we never really know how the seeds planted through CFM today may bear fruit—perhaps even decades from now.

Let's see what your new groups are up to this year.

A CALL FOR ACTIONS

Please share photos and summaries of your group's actions. We would love to include them in our monthly ACT! Newsletter.

Let's encourage each other with our good actions!

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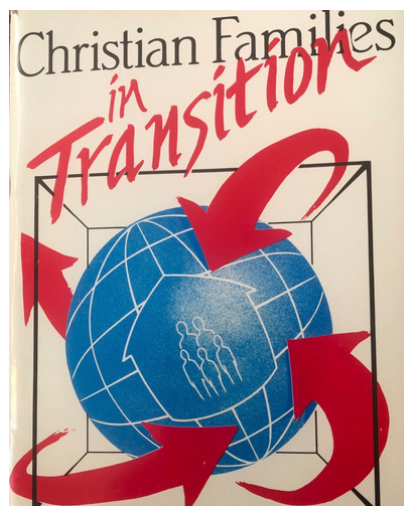
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Roots and Wings: A Global Healing Model for Motherhood

By Deacon Don Grossnickle

A continuing CFM story of faith put into action

Readers of ACT! may remember Deacon Don Grossnickle, a longtime CFM veteran and founder of the Microfinance Alliance Africa Projects Foundation (MAAPF). His work has been featured in previous issues, including the January 2025 edition of ACT!, and in May 2026, when he shared the OJA (Observe–Judge–Act) meeting he developed, “Motherhood Across Borders.” These reflections offer a powerful example of how the CFM method can move families from awareness to meaningful action. His latest reflection, “Roots and Wings: A Global Healing Model for Motherhood,” continues that story.

For generations, the Christian Family Movement has encouraged families to look beyond their own homes and recognize their responsibility to the wider world. Rooted in the Gospel and guided by Cardinal Joseph Cardijn’s Observe–Judge–Act method, CFM teaches us to have both roots in faith and wings to serve.

Deacon Don’s partnership with Mother Teo (Teopista Nakawundu), a veteran Ugandan nurse-midwife, grew from CFM connections in Arlington Heights into a response to a critical reality in rural Uganda: mothers and babies dying from preventable medical complications.

Observe: CFM families learned to look beyond their own homes and recognize the struggles of others. In Uganda, this meant confronting the urgent need for accessible maternal and medical care.

Judge: Through the Gospel and the dignity of every person, Deacon Don and his collaborators recognized that sympathy and temporary charity were not enough. Inspired also by Viktor Frankl’s emphasis on finding meaning through purposeful service, they sought a response rooted in solidarity and responsibility.

Act: Through the Microfinance Alliance Africa Projects Foundation (MAAPF), parish education, networking, and crowdfunding support sustainable village farm-clinic partnerships. Small agricultural enterprises—such as pig, dairy, and poultry farms—generate income to help fund medical care for people in need. The model promotes dignity, self-reliance, and community ownership rather than dependency.

Roots and Wings: Deacon Don’s work is a living expression of CFM’s legacy: faith gives us roots, while love gives us wings to serve. Observe. Judge. Act. More than a meeting method, it is a way of living our faith. His journey with Mother Teo reminds us that when families see suffering, discern what the Gospel calls them to do, and act together, even small efforts can have a global impact.