



CFM in ACTION

Our Lady of the Wayside, Arlington Heights, IL

Shortly after CFM's 75th Anniversary Celebration in Mundelein, IL, Brad and Sally Shewmon, national CFM board directors and members of Our Lady of the Wayside Parish in Arlington Heights in Illinois, along with Bishop George Rassas, former CFM chaplain, shared their experiences of the event and sentiments about CFM with the Chicago Catholic newspaper. Their narratives echo what many families, who were and are still part of CFM, have encountered and lived through: closer family bonding, more cohesive parishes, and stronger means of bringing our faith to life. If you want to read the entire article, please click this link:

[Founded locally, Christian Family Movement celebrates 75 years - Chicagoland - Chicago Catholic](#)



There is a thriving CFM community at Our Lady of the Wayside. On September 1, 2024, CFM families received a blessing as part of their kick-off for the new CFM year.



BETTER TOGETHER! Here's What Parishioners Value About CFM



"CFM helped connect us to the broader OLV community, to meet people at different stages of life, and to glean wisdom and insights about how to help our family grow and flourish in our Catholic faith."



CFM (Christian Family Movement) is a wonderful opportunity to meet adults in the parish at different life stages and to share reflections on our faith. Small groups meet once a month, usually on the first Friday of the month, to discuss issues of relevance to today's Christian families.

Please click on this link to read more about how CFM members and parishioners of Our Lady of the Wayside value what CFM has to offer and why they are better together.

[Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church | OLV CFM: We Are Better Together! \(olwparish.org\)](#)



Colorado Celebrates 75th CFM Anniversary

Current and past members of CFM from Shrine of St. Anne's, Spirit of Christ, Regis University Parish, and Holy Family in the north Denver area gathered on August 28, 2024 at the home of Gene & Linda Nuccio to celebrate this special CFM anniversary. They celebrated by remembering those who are no longer with us and



sharing many memories of their time in CFM such as writing meeting programs, the gathering at Singing River Ranch with CFM members from around the country, yearly camping trips, Los Posadas celebrations, & Seder Dinners.



They recalled the many service projects including helping Sr. Molly with the migrant farmworkers, feeding the homeless, and pajama project for children in homeless shelters. All commented on how CFM helped their families to come out of their comfort zone to be of service to others, made their marriages stronger, and led to life-long friendships. All wish CFM another 75th years of Making Friends, Making Disciples and Making a Difference.





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St. Mary Student Parish Ann Arbor, MI

Thanks, Karen Burnard, for sharing this article!



St. Mary Student parishioners from Michigan traveled to Honduras the first week of May this year working with the local International Samaritan organization. The team, along with some community members, helped at the water tower which brings fresh clean water to the community, helped with road improvement and helped with landscaping at the Family Life Center. As they performed the work together with the community, there was a sense of oneness. They experienced what it means to be sisters and brothers in Christ.



CFM in Social Media



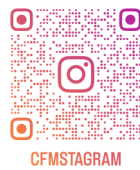
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blog by Dave Thomas



The women and mothers hold this Honduran community together. They have experienced much suffering and injustice and like Mary, mother of our Lord, they have been with their children for the sadness and joy in their lives. The team celebrated Mother's Day with these women on their last day in Honduras. The children performed, games were played, and kind words were exchanged.

In Tegucigalpa, the team and community members prepared 180 meals for individuals who were laboring in the hot and smelly dump for low wages.

If you are so inspired and would like to donate to the International Samaritan organization to help reduce poverty in the garbage dump communities they serve, here is a link to donate: <https://www.intsam.org/donation/>



Bi-Annual CFM Board Calls

ATTENTION - It's time for the bi-annual board calls to action group leaders. We hope to hear how CFM is going in your action group; what programming book you are using and how it has been received,

recent action or service events, anything we can help you with, suggestions for future books, etc. Should you be called/emailed by a CFM board member asking for your input, we thank you in advance for your participation. Have a blessed CFM season!



[Liturgical Year : October, Month of the Holy Rosary | Catholic Culture](#)

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