



## The Power of the Holy Spirit: Strengthening the Mission of the Christian Family Movement

As we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection, we also reflect on the profound gift of the Holy Spirit in its divine presence that fuels the mission of the Christian Family Movement (CFM). Through CFM in Action, we are fulfilling our call to live as missionary disciples within our families and communities. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead empowers us to bring His light into the world.

Such powerful gifts were manifested in different ways and at different times during the first quarter of 2025.

### **National Board Winter Board Meeting January 17-19, 2025**



From January 17-19, 2025, the National Board held its Winter Board Meeting, hosted by the St. Louis Catholic Church Community, in Pinecrest, Florida. Important decisions that will create an impact about the future of CFM's growth and stability were made. The board also formally acknowledged, with tremendous gratitude, the services of Brad and Sally Shewmon (Vice-President couple and Membership chairs) for their generous and dedicated years of service to CFM as they step down from being part of the national board by the end of June 2025.



As featured in the February ACT newsletter, the Tomonto Family was presented with a plaque after Mass at St. Louis Catholic Church, thanking them for their many years of service, in various capacities, for CFM.



## Christian Family Movement: A Spirit-Led Mission

The Christian Family Movement embraces its missionary call by helping families grow in faith, service, and evangelization. Through prayer, reflection, and action, CFM members respond to the needs of their communities, seeking justice and charity in the spirit of Christ. The Holy Spirit guides these efforts, inspiring families to foster love, unity, & a commitment to living the Gospel.

### **Los Angeles Religious Education Congress**

**Anaheim, CA – February 21-23, 2025**



CFM did not have a booth in the Exhibit Hall but somehow managed to promote awareness of its existence by having CFM members Joe & Miriam Nebres (wearing CFM merch) speak up & share information

about how CFM engages families to be true domestic churches, within individual families & in communities. At one workshop, a couple from San Fernando Valley approached the Nebreses inquiring how they can bring CFM to their parish. At the Retrouvaille booth in the Exhibit Hall, the couples there agreed that CFM and Retrouvaille seem to have symbiosis & synchronicity in their respective missions. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide these inquiries into fruition.



### **St. Lawrence Martyr Church – Redondo Beach, CA**

CFM-St. Lawrence Martyr Church held a Mardi Gras Game Night event on March 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Redondo Beach. A young couple (recently renewing their faith and participation in the Catholic church) dropped by to inquire about using the hall for their wedding reception. CFM welcomed them with open arms and they joined in the camaraderie and fun. Before leaving, they signed up to be members. We will keep you posted about how this will turn out.



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**St. Philomena Catholic Church and School**  
**Carson, CA**



Two years ago, Sr. Mary John, principal of St. Philomena Catholic School, invited the Nebreses at their school's parent meeting to talk about CFM. Only one family signed up. "One is better than none", said Sr.

Mary John. The growth in membership was slow but the 3 families that eventually stayed and consistently attended the meetings shared how being part of CFM has made an impact in their family life and appreciation of their Catholic faith. When not able to join the meetings in person, they joined via Zoom or audio call. Now that's dedication! The membership drive was focused on building the school community, so it was not yet parish wide...that is until St. Philomena Catholic Church held its first Ministry Fair (in over 10 years) from March 1-2, 2025. Upon the invitation of the 2 priests and



the OCIA Coordinator from St. Philomena, CFM participated with a table. Sunday attendees braved the strong gusts of wind (in true Holy Spirit fashion)

and cold temperatures which culminated with 29 sign-ups. There were 3 new families who attended the March meeting and the children eagerly participated in reading, praying, and filling up the Blessings Bags for the homeless. CFM— St. Philomena is extremely grateful for the support and blessing of Sr. Mary John, Fr. Francis, and Fr. Tommy in encouraging families to join CFM.



**Easter: The Victory That Sends Us Forth**

Easter is the pinnacle of our faith, celebrating Christ's triumph over sin and death. His resurrection, calls all the baptized, especially families, to be domestic churches—nurturing faith, sharing love, and living discipleship. The Holy Spirit, given to us through the Paschal Mystery, equips families to be witnesses of the Resurrection in their daily lives.



In a world that often challenges Christian values, families filled with the Holy Spirit become beacons of hope, transforming society through their witness. As we rejoice in the Resurrection and celebrate the Spirit's power in the Holy Confirmation sacrament, let us renew our commitment to the mission of the Christian Family Movement, trusting in the Holy Spirit to lead us forward.

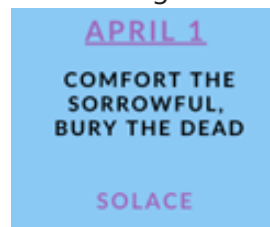
May this Easter season be a time of renewal and mission for all Christian families, as we live in the power of the Holy Spirit and share Christ's love with the world.

**Join the last Online Lenten CFM Meeting**  
**APRIL 1, 2025**

8-9:30 pm ET, 7-8:30 pm CT, 6-7:30 pm MT, 5-6:30 pm PT

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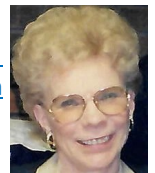
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