

*Develop Families into Missionary Disciples!*

## CFM Offers Practical Ministry Tools to Reach Out to Accompany Marriages and Families Across the Lifespan

Learn about how the Church wants movements like CFM to witness to love and invite others into community. Just published by the U.S. Catholic Bishops, the *Pastoral Framework for Marriage and Family Ministry: Called to the Joy of Love* calls for accompanying married couples and all families by offering small groups, just like CFM. The Framework provides guidelines for the pastoral accompaniment of married couples and families in every phase of life, drawing upon the teachings and recommendations contained in the apostolic exhortation. CFM is especially valuable for accompaniment in marriage, both in the early years (Sections 2.1) and over a lifetime (2.2). Our movement also is a resource for single parents and mixed and interreligious families (4.6, 4.7). [A link to the framework document is on this page.](#)



## Ideas for Restarting Your CFM

Get help from current members. Ask your members for recruitment ideas. They may have an idea you haven't thought of before, or know about opportunities within their own social networks. Host a "bring a friend" meeting. Zoom works, too. Each one; reach one! Encourage members to bring someone. More people might be ready to come back to in-person meetings. They are just waiting to be invited!

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## CFM Networks with Lay Ministries to Help Families

Parishes and dioceses are looking for ways to invite families back into the life of the church, after a long pause due to Covid. CFM is an active member of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers ([NACFLM](#)), connecting with diocesan, parish, and organizational members from across the country. CFM Executive Director, Dr. Lauri Przybysz, represented CFM at the annual conference last month in Washington, D.C., at the St. John Paul II Shrine. (We sponsored a sweet snack, too.)

NACFLM members collaborate to foster a family perspective in Church and society, receive on-going formation, develop new resources, and promote the development of marriage and family life ministry on all levels of Church.



## Marriage Enrichment Resource

### The Secret of Growing True Love That Lasts



How a single question a day can help you love and enjoy your spouse more for a lifetime—starting immediately. New book shows how to form a habit of loving communication. [Learn more.](#) “In their book, Carol and Jim Steffan outline a very simple recipe for strong, healthy marriage. By asking one question a day, husbands and wives can work together to build a relationship that endures.” - Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, Diocese of Bridgeport

## International CFM Celebrates Founders’ Day with a Global Party – Online, of Course!

On September 4, President couple, Pip and Wilma Cua (right) hosted a world-wide gathering to mark the 55th anniversary of the founding of ICCFM. Sixty-eight CFM leaders from all over the world gathered and sent congratulations, including Past International Presidents Gary and Kay Aitchison and Wayne and Sue Hamilton, as well as Past International Chaplain, Fr. Don Conroy. National teams shared greetings, reported on their current activities, and added music and prayers. Sr. Patricia Crowley, eldest daughter of CFM founders Pat and Patty Crowley, spoke to the leaders from her home in Chicago. On September 7, the official anniversary date, Mass was celebrated and live-streamed from Rome. ICCFM is present in Malawi, Cameroon, India, Japan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Croatia, Spain, Hungary, Malta, Portugal, Czech Republic, Slovakia, as well as Mexico, U.S.A, Canada, and 16 Latin American countries. [Learn more about ICCFM here.](#)



## Praying As A Family – Church At Home Anytime



By Susan Vogt

As the pandemic continues, how can we help families (especially those with young children) stay holy and safe? Since we believe that God is everywhere, and "Church" is more than a building, many of

us have had to rethink what it means to “go to church.” This reminds me of our early years of parenting when occasionally we would have “Church at Home,” a prayer service you design yourselves.

A typical flow might be:

- Choose a theme and arrange some prayer items on a table (such as the Bible, crucifix, flowers).
- Read something from Scripture or other spiritual resource.
- Share reflections on the reading.
- Recite some prayers together (such as “Our Father” or “Hail Mary”).
- Ask everyone to share Petitions and prayer intentions.
- Sprinkle songs throughout.



Check out Susan’s *Family Matters* website: [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net)



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## Pray and Act for Recovery from the Pandemic



Many people are still suffering from Covid. Pray the “Our Father” each day at 8:30 pm for those suffering and caregivers. Share correct information. Give a ride to someone who wants to be vaccinated.