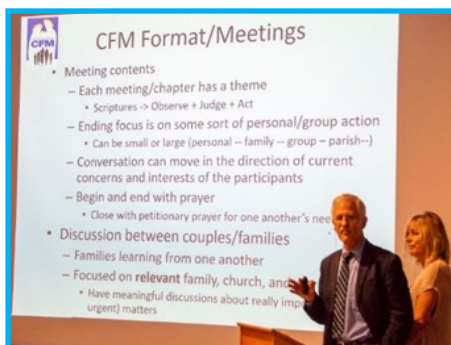




CFM is Growing!

Three parishes in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, St. Jude, Blessed Sacrament and St. Raphael, introduced CFM to their parishioners this fall. Fr. Louis Golamari, CFM National Chaplain, and a pastor in Oshkosh, along with his staff, promoted CFM there. In August, Christian Family Movement USA Presidents, Brian and Mary Ann Thelen, traveled to Oshkosh to help spread the good news.



At the dinner and presentation that evening 180 people enjoyed hearing how the Christian Family Movement strengthens marriage and family, builds community within the parish and gives people a safe place to discuss big topics affecting our families and our society.

Some of the comments following the presentation were that they liked the idea that the discussions were followed by actions and that accountability is what creates real change. Fr. Louis spoke briefly after the presentation inviting parishioners to join one of the new action groups.



The new Oshkosh groups will use *Meeting Jesus Changes Everything*, the first of the three-part CFM Discipleship Formation series. Deacon Jerry and Ronnie Brennan, national CFM board members, later conducted a training for the parishioners who will be leading the groups.

When it is your turn to lead the meeting...

Leader Guides available online now! Background information and leader tips for the [here for these programs](#).

- *For Happier Families*
- *Meeting Jesus Changes Everything*
- *Embracing the Mission*
- *Together for Good*
- *Walking Together: Responding to Racism*

Like [CFM's Facebook page](#) for weekly Gospel reflections, courtesy of Catholic Family Life Minister, **Dr. David M. Thomas**



More Parishes Starting CFM

OAK PARK, ILLINOIS. Mary Catherine Meek has organized a new group at Ascension Parish, assisted by board members, Brad and Sally Shewmon.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. Diocesan Family Life Director, John Prust, is introducing CFM to young families in his own parish. His office also requested brochures and flyers to use for promotion in other parishes across the diocese.

WHITNEY, PENNSYLVANIA. Fr. Jim Podlesny, St. Cecilia pastor, will host Lauri and John Przybysz, Sam and Juliette Tirone and Fr. Don Conroy for an information session with couples from his parish on Oct. 13. He is recruiting leader couples.

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. Theresa Lauber, Nativity of Our Lord staff, is helping two newly-married couples' groups get started. Leaders are Emily Carroll and Amanda Laatsch.

RIFLE, COLORADO. Sophie Simms is working on starting a new group, using *For Happier Families*.



At Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish in Bucyrus, Kansas, we have five CFM Groups! Three of the groups are made of young families. They recently got together to make bags for homeless people. They had a great turnout. Kids helped their parents to make 50 bags full of essentials like socks, toothbrushes and paste, snacks, and pocket Bibles.



Ray and Dora Resendez hosted their first CFM meeting for their El Paso parish, San Pedro de Jesus Maldonado on Sept. 10. They will have 6 new families, many from the military community.

From the International Presidents, Pip and Wilma Cua, Philippines:

"Since the World Assembly this summer, we have been doing expansion work in Asia particularly in Vietnam and Sumatra. In early 2020, we shall be going to Melbourne and Sydney to revive CFM there. We are doing this with the help of the Claretian missionaries and in coordination with Daniel and Maria Esquerro, the continental presidents of CFM Oceania."

CFM founders Pat and Patty Crowley brought the movement USA to the Philippines and the rest of Asia about 65 years ago and the movement continues to exist and grow in the mission up to this day—helping build stronger and happier families.



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