

# THE NEW PROGRAM

Your help needed in selecting an approach

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The 1960 midwinter meeting at Notre Dame was in some respects a momentous one. At least one subject was discussed that will have a profound effect on you in CFM. That is why this article is being written . . . to let you know what is being proposed in plenty of time for you to influence these important decisions which must be made this year.

The subject, of course, is what approach to programming will we use in the future. Some four years ago, the coordinating committee decided that what was most needed by the couples and chaplains in CFM was to gain a deeper understanding of all the areas of lay life in which they must work out their christian life of Grace. They set aside five years to accomplish this necessary program. This five-year cycle ends with the next inquiry book on International Life.

These have been hard years for CFM. Like all jobs that are worth doing, this one took real effort. Some couples refused and left the movement. Many sincerely felt this approach was wrong, but stuck it out to the end. Every couple and chaplain found that it was necessary to re-think what CFM was and how we could best accomplish our objectives.

## Real Growth

To those of us who have been attending the coordinating committee meetings through the years, it is obvious that this effort has brought about real growth. The job now is to take advantage from what we have learned to make the future a real continuation of that growth.

Several specific proposals were made to the coordinating committee for consideration. In the first place, almost all the federations reported the need for a more gradual and extended period of time for new groups in CFM. It was pointed out that because of our moving population and other reasons, many of the couples are in CFM for only a few years, and they need to get a well rounded, practical understanding of Christian family life if they are to get lasting benefit from their brief contact with CFM.

Even those who will remain in groups longer than that need this same experience before they can be expected to enter into the more intense programs that interest the experienced groups. For these reasons, the program committee was directed to prepare a recommended revision of the yellow book, and a series of additional inquiries to lead the new groups gradually, and as simply as possible through the same areas of lay life that have been the subject of

our study for the past five years. This would give new groups the same experiences we have had.

For the experienced groups there were three proposals. Rather than start a new cycle of going back over the areas of lay life as we have done the past few years, it was proposed that we take a subject approach, and inquire into it in some of its aspects of lay life.

## For Instance

For instance, if we would choose the "subject" of public morality, we might have inquiries on morality in the family and the neighborhood, moral training for our youth, morality in public office, morality in business operations, morality in union activities, morality in our country's relations with the people of the world.

Secondly, it was proposed that the program committee work out a way to program special inquiries when subjects of timely, widespread interest come up that are not in the current inquiry book, and distribute these inquiries to be substituted by those who would like to do so. For instance, the current concern for "population explosion" or the Catholic candidate debate might be subjects for such special inquiries.

Finally, it was proposed that there be some more formal approach to specialized programs for groups who desire to spend a considerable time inquiring into one subject, such as economic life or political life.

## First Concept

The first concept of CFM is formation through action. These proposals present you with a real opportunity for action. In the first place, the decisions on these proposals will affect you personally. In the second place, you have some good ideas to contribute. The action we propose is for you to personally see that your federation contributes thought and direction to the program. Let us know what you think of the proposals and what specific ideas you would like to see incorporated into the new programs.

Address the CFM Coordinating Committee, Room 2010, 100 West Monroe, Chicago, Illinois.

## BOOK REVIEW

# Essentials For Parents

Of all the Catholic books written on the subject of marriage and family life in recent years, relatively few come to grips with the problem that bothers conscientious parents most—how to give their children a firm grounding in their religion. What parents want are *specific* suggestions on how to give religious training to their children.

Two recently published books do an excellent job in meeting this need and they should be on the bookshelf of every Catholic parent concerned with this matter.

Father George A. Kelly's *Catholic Family Handbook*, described as "The complete book of practical guidance and inspiration on every aspect of family life" (Random House, 235 pp., \$4.95) is a companion volume to Father Kelly's earlier book on Catholic marriage.

His current book is broad in scope, but it takes up specific problems, such as *Your Job as a Parent*, *Your Child's Moral Training*, *How to Teach Your Child About Sex*, *Where to Get Help When in Trouble*, *How to Handle Your Teen-ager*, and *Religious Practices in Your Home*. This latter chapter contains many excellent suggestions on family prayer and suggestions for observing special religious feasts throughout the year within the family circle.

The other book is unusual in many ways. It is *Together Toward God*, subtitled "Religious Training in the Family." (Newman Press, 260 pp., \$4.75, by P. Ranwez, S.J., J. and M. L. Defossa and J. Gerard-Libois, translated by Paul Barrett, O.F.M., Cap.)

The book, which originally appeared in Belgium, is written by a Jesuit priest and three parents who collaborated in working out practical methods of religious training; the authors point out that suggestions made in the book were tried by many families who collaborated with them. Besides some good general chapters on *The Role of Parents in Religious Education*, *Religious Formation in the Family Circle*, *The Liturgy in Family Life*, and *The Role of the Family in the Church*, the book is a practical manual on the religious formation of children.

Separate chapters are devoted to each of the various stages of religious growth—from birth to age four, from four to seven, from seven to 10 or 11 years of age, from 10 to 13 years, and from 14 to 18. The plan of each of these chapters is to begin by giving principles and methods and then to illustrate with concrete examples. Parents might not agree with

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# COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING IN PICTURES



Eliana (seated) and Agustin Alberti of Santiago, Chile, tell the Coordinating Committee about the progress of CFM in Latin America.

QUIGLEY PHOTOS



As Entertainment chairman Ed Schuhmann of Louisville (seated) watches, Mario Carota of Fresno reads a proclamation about CFM.

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Vivian and Grant Maxwell of Saskatoon, Canada, members of the Program Committee.



Jim Cockrell, chairman of the Program Committee, makes a point at the Executive Committee meeting as Pat Crowley presides.



Bill Caldwell of Alcoa, Tenn., presents a committee report to a session of the Coordinating Committee.



Msgr. Hillenbrand and Jim Cockrell discuss the program during a break.

# World Refugees

"Why is this World Refugee Year? Unfortunately, what is out of sight is often also out of mind. The utterly miserable conditions of fellow humans who suffer because of their convictions or because of their race or religion or being out of step with tyrannous regimes affronts the human spirit . . ."

"Unfortunately, very few Americans have actually witnessed the conditions of life in a DP camp, or have actually worked with refugees. It is understandable that, being unaware of the plight of their fellow humans, so many seem indifferent. It is a tragedy that many people are unmoved by worldwide poverty, hunger, and distress.

"The purpose of the World Refugee Year is to awaken interest in all people through widespread accounts of refugee problems which, actually, are the problems of all. What is often the problem of all becomes the problem of none."

—Msgr. William F. Kelly

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**OBSERVE:**

Appoint several couples to get information on the problem of refugees and the World Refugee Year.

(Note: It is important for the success of this inquiry that information on the plight of the refugees be obtained. The Kit supplied by the United States Committee for Refugees has the best information on how we can help in the World Refugee Year.)

1) "World Refugee Year Kit" \$1.00. United States Committee for Refugees, 11 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N.Y.

2) World Refugee Year—a guide for community action. U.S. Committee for Refugees, 11 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N.Y., 40c copy. \$1.00 for 3 copies.

3) C.A.I.P. News—July-Aug. issue 10c, "The World Refugee Year." The Catholic Assn. for International Peace, 1312 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington 5, D.C.

2. Ask several acquaintances what they know about the World Refugee Year.

3. What countries and people need help the most?

4. What is being done right now to help refugees?

**JUDGE:**

1. How can we move people to an awareness of the hunger and distress of refugees?

2. How can the dignity of a refugee family be best preserved?

3. Are we obliged to help the refugees?
4. Is sending food enough?

**AIDS TO ACTION:**

1. Get your parish and community organizations to view the Maryknoll Film "A Problem of People" (or other films listed in World Refugee Year Kit).

2. Publicize adoption of Hong Kong and Korean refugee orphans. See kit for details.

3. Write your Congressman requesting that immigration quotas be raised for entry of refugees.

4. Prepare a display for a local store window, school or church vestibule highlighting the refugee problem (Selected prints from all critical areas in 8" x 10" glossies are available free of charge from U.S. Committee for Refugees, 11 West 42nd, N.Y. 36, N.Y. Theme of display could be: The Corporal Works of Mercy Must Go Around The World.

5. Participate in the current Refugee Aid programs of the National Council of Catholic Women.

A) Send individually or as a group \$5.00 monthly, or as often as you are able to spare it, so that special help can continue to reach dispossessed families in Korea, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Thailand, Bengal, the Near East and the "hard-core" camps of Europe thru the NCCW Feed-A-Family Program. Direct correspondence to Miss Dolan, Foreign Relief Secretary, NCCW, 1312 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington 5, D.C.

6. Offer your sponsorship to a refugee or refugee family through your Diocesan Resettlement Director.

7. Urge legislative action by writing individually to your Congressmen for legislation needed to authorize:

A. At least 20,000 additional visas for refugees who wish to resettle in the USA.

B. Allocation of surplus commodities over and above present allotments to meet refugee needs.

8. Write to Eileen Egan, Catholic Relief Services, 350 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C. volunteering to participate in the World Refugee Year Projects of the Catholic Relief Services some of which are:

A. Adopting a family or an orphan overseas. (Recently a group of prisoners in a Pennsylvania Penitentiary donated \$150.00 of their own money, raised \$150.00 more through a jazz concert and adopted a Korean orphan boy in St. Paul's Orphanage Seoul, Korea. The \$300 went towards

a series of operations rectifying the child's paralytic legs.)

9. Family to Family Program whereby through \$50 a home may be built, or a family set up in a business enterprise in Korea.

10. Sponsor a contest in your local schools with a refugee theme and put up a prize. Winning essays could be reprinted in the local paper or posters displayed in local stores.

11. Since local broadcasters usually are willing to give free time for public service programs, you could help "air" the refugee story by means of a transcribed program or recording. Tapes and discs are available for such usage from the U.S. Committee for Refugees.

## Essentials For Parents

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all the suggestions, but they will have plenty to choose from.

In its excellent introductory chapter, *Together Toward God* lists some essential norms which should guide parents in the religious education of children:

- Acknowledge the primacy of religious values over all merely human values, whether individual or social.
- Cultivate in our homes a spirit of joy and poverty (that is, of detachment from excessive comfort, well-being, and human prudence).
- Strive to be, or at least to want to be, what we wish our children to become; and accompany them on their journey to the ideal.
- Train our children to obey freely and proudly.
- Direct them toward the giving of self to others.
- Desire and promote effective collaboration with other educators.
- Respect the rhythm of growth in each child while at the same time ensuring the development of the family as a whole.
- Promote religious formation by an unforced frequentation of the sacraments, by gradually expanding and adapting the material taught, and by a life of real prayer.

The great value of these guiding principles lies particularly in the fact that they stress both the growth of the family and the children in sanctity. Too seldom do most books on this subject recognize the fact that growth in virtue is not static for either the parents or their children. As time goes on, they both should be growing in age and grace.

These probably aren't the definitive books on family life—neither, for example, really discusses the problem of teaching children love for the intellectual life and cultural pursuits—but they combine the theoretical and practical in a manner that will make them of great value to every Catholic parent. —D.J.T.



The first Dutch Indonesian refugee family sponsored by members of CFM in Portland, Oregon Archdiocese was that of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Brockl and seven children. They are being resettled by section group of St. Cecilia parish, Beaverton.

"Fast Action Essential"

## How Oregon CFM Assisted Refugees

*The story of how CFMers in Beaverton, Oregon, helped resettle Dutch Indonesian refugee families in the United States has received wide-spread—even front-page—publicity in the Catholic press all over the country. Joe and Jan Rigert tell how it all happened and what you can do to help.*

It all started when a member of the Christian Family Movement in Beaverton, Oregon, was struck by the fact that this was World Refugee Year and something should be done about it.

A meeting was called, the matter was discussed and a project was born.

The action: Sponsor the resettlement of Dutch Indonesian refugee families in the United States.

The results: Some 15 families, numbering well over 70 men, women and children, are either on their way or soon will leave the Netherlands for the Portland, Oregon Archdiocese and new lives in the United States.

That is only the beginning. Many other local Catholic groups are actively interested in the program and probably will participate.

Meanwhile, the Beaverton group is turning its promotional efforts to the national level.

A letter is being sent to the directors of Catholic Charities throughout the country, urging them to bring

the program to the attention of groups in their areas.

The Beaverton CFMers, members of St. Cecilia parish, had sponsored the first family last December in the hope that other CFM groups and individuals would join in the project.

Named chairman of the unit was Charles Wilber, an instructor in economics at Multnomah college in Portland. He proposed the project and called the meeting that launched the action.

To divide the workload, the members formed committees for housing, employment, fund-raising and publicity.

Then to encourage others, the Beaverton unit obtained publicity in the local Catholic and secular press and personally visited many CFM and other church groups in the area to explain the program.

The CFMers had no difficulty "selling" the project to others. The local Catholic Charities office in Portland was kept busy filling requests for families. Groups in Portland's Ascension parish agreed to sponsor five families. An individual in another parish took two families.

One of the refugee families has eight children; another has seven. Two others have six children.

The sponsors immediately undertook to find homes and jobs for the new arrivals. The Beaverton job-hunting committee soon had not one, but five, potential jobs lined up. Various plans were made to raise money and obtain furniture.

The CFM members are working under a deadline. Both World Refugee Year and the U.S. immigration program to admit the Dutch Indonesian refugees expire on June 30 of this year. *Quick action is essential.*

It usually takes from three to four

months for a refugee family to obtain a visa and make the trip to the United States.

Congress had enacted appropriate legislation in 1958, establishing a special quota for 3,136 families.

Some 290,000 Dutch Indonesians had left their East Indian republic after it broke from Dutch rule in 1945. Most of them went to the Netherlands, already one of the most overpopulated countries in the world.

The refugees covered by the 1958 legislation are so anxious to find new homes in the United States that they have all signed statements indicating they will accept any type of job, although many of them are skilled in administrative, technical, mechanical and agricultural fields.

To facilitate their resettlement in this country, the Dutch government has agreed to finance transportation and insurance costs and provide a cash payment for each family.

Before the refugees can obtain visas, however, they must be sponsored in the United States by persons willing to help them find a home and a job. The sponsors have no legal responsibility.

Far too few sponsors had previously been found to make the resettlement program a success. Catholic Relief Services, which was given responsibility for 1100 families, had obtained about 565 sponsors.

The Beaverton CFMers felt that the reason for the lag in the program was simply that not enough people knew about it—thus their efforts to remedy this situation.

They are asking that CFM and other church groups throughout the country join in helping to give some meaning to World Refugee Year and some hope to those hapless families whose homes have been lost, their lives disrupted.

Their suggestion to fellow CFMers: Call your director of Catholic Charities for further information or write to Catholic Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, Empire State Building, New York 1, N.Y.

It only takes a letter or a telephone call to provide a new home for a homeless family.

### COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

The CFM Coordinating Committee will hold its annual summer meeting this year—because there is no national convention at Notre Dame scheduled—at Denver. The dates are July 28, 29, 30, just before and running into the Denver area meeting.

## Letter to The Editor

The following letter was recently received from Burnett C. "Burnie" Bauer, longtime CFMer of South Bend, Ind. In keeping with the policy of the Coordinating Committee, Act will attempt to publish constructive criticism as often as space permits.

Your guest editorialist in the January, 1960 issue of Act ["Instruments of Christ" by Father John Morgan] made a statement that could be very easily misinterpreted with great damage to CFM groups. He said that "there is something wrong, for example, when a group directs itself to a chosen goal that in the end serves only for the betterment of itself, rather than others."

Since society is as complex and interwoven as it is with no family being able to live in much isolation, it is impossible for any group to choose any action that will benefit that group without the benefit serving others. It is almost impossible to envision a service or activity for the benefit of the members of any group that would not benefit others in the community. One of the best ways of insuring a genuine action is to choose one that will bring some benefit to some member of your CFM group. If an action does not benefit any of your group, there is a great chance that it may be a superficial solution to the problem being studied.

The impact CFM will make upon the institutions of this country will be more genuine if the social inquiries result in actions that are a genuine benefit to the members of the group making that inquiry. By helping themselves, CFM groups will be best helping others in the community, and from this will result a solid leadership in reconstructing our social institution.

## Know a Bookstore?

One decision reached during the recent Coordinating Committee meeting was to sell some CFM publications through bookstores.

To be sold are the newly published *Family and Politics the Sung Mass* book and the forthcoming book by Father Dennis J. Geaney, O.S.A. on the priest's role in CFM. A 40 per cent discount will be offered to bookstores and other mass distribution agencies on orders of 10 or more.

CFMers who know of any bookstores which might be interested are urged to direct inquiries to CFM, Room 2010, 100 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois.

# AREA MEETINGS

## Dates and Places, Summer, 1960

CFM-Latin	American Meeting, Mexico City	June 27 to July 1
AREA 13	Great Falls, Montana	June 24-26
AREA 12	Denver, Colorado	July 29-31
AREA 10	Omaha, Nebraska	August 5-7
AREA 4	Buffalo, New York	August 19-21
AREA 5	Indianapolis	August 20-21
AREA 11	Dallas	1st or 2nd week in August
AREA 7	Detroit, Michigan	August 19-21
AREA 9	Place to be announced	August 19-21
AREA 8	Chicago, Illinois	August 26-28
AREA 14	Los Angeles, California	August 26-28
AREA 1		
	and Portland, Maine	3rd week in July
AREA 2		
AREA 3	Baltimore, Maryland	Date to be announced

## Other Important Family Meetings

Family Life, NCWC, San Antonio, Texas	June 20-23
International Union of Families, N. Y. City	August 23-26



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**1960 WORLD REFUGEE YEAR APPEAL**

# Church and Politics

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realize that three-fourths of our Federal budget is accounted for by the costs of past wars and present national defense. Pope Pius XII recognized that "the power of the state often is obligated to ask all classes of people to make heavy sacrifices for the common good".

8) In a democracy like ours, as Pius XII pointed out, a well-informed public opinion on political issues is essential to good government. We should help our laity, especially those in a position to shape public opinion, to learn as much as possible about the teaching of the Church on political life, preferably from papal documents. We should encourage them to read both the Catholic and secular press, with discrimination, and to discuss public issues. They should do this to learn to evaluate public issues in terms of Catholic teaching, not just to reinforce their personal prejudices. Let them learn to write sensible letters to editors, and to be active in community and civic groups.

9) We ought to encourage our laity to vote, of course, and encourage those well qualified to participate actively in local politics. This can be a "sticky" business, but how else can Catholics diminish the evils and evaluate the standards of political life in our own communities? Our task is to help qualify them as representative Catholics. For the rest, we have to rely on qualified laymen and laywomen to carry out sound principles to the best of their ability. They have many examples of Catholics at all levels of politics who are striving to do this.

10) Finally, though I could only barely touch on this phase of political life in the body of this talk, Catholics should help our country to promote the international common good according to the mind of the Church. Social justice, as Pope Pius XII made very clear in his 1948 and 1951 Christmas Messages, must be applied at the international as well as at the national level, among as well as within nations. Let them beware of adopting, unthinkingly, such slogans as "giveaways" (as if giving away, in Christian life, were somehow immoral) and "operation rat-hole" to smear our foreign-aid programs. With all the defects of such large-scale programs, which we should learn by experience to make more efficient, Europe has the Marshall Plan aid to thank, in large measure, for its remarkable recovery and for escaping the chaos which might well have led to Communist domination. With Marshall Plan aid, Christian Democratic parties led Germany, France and Italy out of that imminent danger.

One last word: Pope Pius XII's 1951 Christmas Message is a solemn



Bishop Mussio addresses Steubenville CFM Federation

## Bishop Addresses Ohio CFM Group

Some 40 couples, representing eight groups of the Steubenville diocese's Christian Family Movement, recently heard their first charge issued by their spiritual shepherd. And they found it to be as basic as the Christian family itself.

Climaxing a five and one-half hour day that included a workshop, a recited Mass celebrated by Bishop John King Mussio, and a banquet, the CFM Federation was offered this challenging task by their Bishop:

"1. Promote family prayer in your own homes and in those of your neighbors;

"2. Take advantage of the manifold blessings offered by the Church for you and your family."

Holy Rosary Church in Steubenville provided the setting for the first such gathering in the diocese.

Henry A. Schenk of Bridgeport, representing himself and his wife,

warning against identifying the divine mission of the Church to all mankind with any particular earthly political interests. Church and state function at quite different levels, the one spiritual, the other, even at its best, temporal. On this question all I can do is to urge you to read and ponder that profound instruction of the Vicar of Christ on the unalterably spiritual mission of the Church of Christ in striving for world peace in a world torn politically asunder.

Barbara, as the federation's president couple, at the banquet presented Bishop Mussio with a spiritual bouquet from all the units.

The Bishop attacked the "isolated" family as one that distintegrates from the same disease that has brought degradation to its predecessors—self-centeredness.

"The basic element that must characterize a wholesome family," said the Bishop, "is love. The family that isolates itself, that says 'we can't be tainted by the poison of the evil families that surround us,' forms a fortress that not only keeps out the bad, but also prohibits the good from following its natural course.

"You in your organization provide an artery, through which living blood must flow. Once that flow ceases, stagnation sets in. Too long have we been plagued by this pseudo-Christianity."

Bishop Mussio placed himself at the disposal of the CFM Federation, saying that he is willing and eager to participate in and to promote whatever undertaking is their bidding. At the same time he urged them to "spread family prayer far and wide in your community," as well as to utilize the Church's many blessings that center around the home—blessings before and after childbirth, blessings of the home, blessings of the sick, etc.

The Sator, federation newsletter, made its first appearance at the workshop. To be published quarterly, it contains a message from the Federation chaplain, Father Robert W. Krauter; the bylaws, and a review of activities in the various units.

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