

Growing CFM—in Canada!



CFM is expanding to Winnipeg, the capital city of Manitoba in Canada. Pictured here is a portion of the group that started meeting this year. Keep them in your prayers that God may bless them and help them share the gift of CFM in Canada. Thanks to Steve & Donna McCullough and Deacon Cordova for helping them get started.



490 days till our CFM 75th Anniversary Celebration

After choosing from multiple entries, we have a winner! Congratulations to **Juliette Tirone** for submitting the winning graphic design for the CFM 75th Anniversary Celebration!

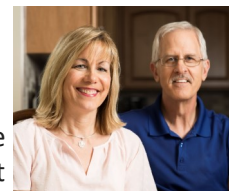
It may seem like it's still too far away to make any plans, but blink and it may just be around the corner! Please start making plans for your August 2024 vacation and include CFM's 75th Anniversary Celebration in Mundelein as part of your itinerary.

If you want the real time countdown, please click on this link: [Countdown Timer – Countdown to Aug 3, 2024 in Chicago \(timeanddate.com\)](https://timeanddate.com)

Please watch your Inboxes for a survey that's coming up and for more information about this milestone. If you know of any former CFM members (or their descendants) who may be interested in this reunion, please spread the word around or have them contact 75thAnniversary@cfm.org to be added in our distribution list.

Presidents' Perspective:

Brian & Mary Ann Thelen



Dear families,
Holy Week is upon us. At our house we are thinking of how we might make the most of these last days of our Lenten journey. These somber, quiet days allow us to enter more deeply into the mystery of dying and rising. Along with our local CFM groups, we will make a mini pilgrimage to an outdoor shrine to pray the Stations of the Cross, we'll attend the Triduum and we'll pray that we can see Christ carrying his cross in our neighbors and journey with them. We pray that your Lenten journey has taken you to the mountaintop where you have experienced a transformation that lasts beyond these 40 days. Count on our prayers as the journey continues.



Congratulations to Bill and Marylou Lenzen of

Denver, CO on their 50th wedding anniversary! Bill and Marylou Lenzen are long-time CFM members. They were married on March 17th, 1973 at St.

John's Church in Denver, CO. Marylou is originally from Pennsylvania and Bill hailed from Nebraska. In 1982 they joined CFM at St. Anne's Church in Arvada, CO and are still members to this day.

So, why have they stayed with CFM? Marylou mentioned that CFM has been there for them throughout the years. They are family. The meeting topics and OJA has strengthened their marriage, helped them in raising their son Ian and taught them about service to others. Over the years they have volunteered as Eucharistic Ministers, at soup kitchens, homeless shelters and even doing service work for migrants and people in Africa. She also mentioned the friendships that she and Bill have established through CFM continue on with current and past members. They are friends for life.

Marriage is a life-long journey and CFM has given them, and so many others, the tools, faith and love needed to succeed in their married life. Congratulations to Marylou and Bill and all the other CFMers who are on this journey.





In Memoriam

Over the last several months, we have been getting quite a few notifications of past CFM leaders who have passed away. Some of you may know them and want to reach out. In a future issue, we will celebrate the life of Ray Maldoon. He and his wife Dorothy were the second national presidents after Pat and Patty Crowley. If you would like to send photos, favorite memories with them, and other related items, please send them to act_editor@cfm.org so we may create a tribute page for Ray and Dorothy Maldoon.



Raymond Farrell Maldoon, Phoenix, Arizona
<https://www.azcentral.com/obituaries/par065533>



Romeo Clarence Cyr, Red Wing, Minnesota
<https://www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituary/Romeo-Cyr>



Reverend Edward Raymond Eschweiler, West Allis, WI

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/edward-eschweiler-obituary?id=36450878>
 Oldest Priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese to Celebrate 100 Years - Catholic Herald

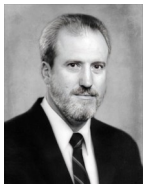


Margaret "Peg" (McAnulty) Hennigan, Syracuse, NY

https://obits.syracuse.com/us/obituaries/syracuse/name/margaret-hennigan-obituary?pid=204036260%26utm_source%3Dfacebook%26utm_medium%3Dsocial%26utm_campaign%3Dobitsharebeta



Mary L. Castorina, Frankford, DE
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/mary-castorina-obituary?id=50179708>



Howard Henn, former resident of Westfield, N.J.
<https://www.capegazette.com/article/howard-henn-loved-his-family-children/255910>



CFM InterACTIVE

How sharp are your eyes? We would like to invite you to do some close-looking at our ACT newsletters. Please answer the following questions and submit them to act_editor@cfm.org by **April 30, 2023**. The first one to submit all correct answers will receive a prize.

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1. Name the 3 types of pinatas featured in the March 2023 ACT newsletter.
2. In what city and country will the 15th World Assembly of the ICCFM be held?
3. Who are the authors of the CFM Six-Meeting Program Guidebook for Grandparents?

Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt



Apr. 9: Easter has come. Hurray! We can eat sweets again and let go of "giving up." But what has Lent taught you this year? Reflect together honestly about how this Lent (or harder times in general) have taught you a life lesson – perhaps how to love each other better, warts and all.

Apr. 16-22 is Natl. Volunteer week. Perhaps you already do plenty of volunteer work. Good. But what about your kids? Consider doing a family volunteer action this week or month. Ideally, let them make the decision of what to do. Examples: clean up an area, make a sad person happier...

April 22 is Earth Day. Enjoy nature together today or this weekend. Take a hike. Check out my ECO-TIPS. (<https://www.susanvogt.net/Spirituality.htm#SpiritualityLinks>)



Ideas for Families to do for the EASTER season

Easter begins on April 10, the day of the Resurrection. While the chocolates and gifts and the egg hunts are fun things to have and do, it's important to let our children understand what Easter truly is. Below are some links to websites that may help you focus the next 50 days of Easter on why we are called the Resurrection people.

[Keeping Christ in Easter - Catechist's Journey \(loyolapress.com\)](https://www.loyolapress.com/keeping-christ-in-easter-catechists-journey)

[Christ-centered Easter: Resources for the Whole Family | Being Confident Of This](https://www.blessedhomeschool.com/christ-centered-easter-resources-for-the-whole-family-being-confident-of-this)

[14 Christ-Centered Easter Ideas and Easter Activities \(blessedhomeschool.com\)](https://www.blessedhomeschool.com/14-christ-centered-easter-ideas-and-easter-activities)