

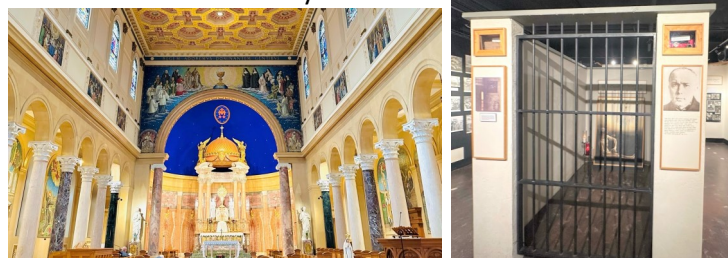
CFM National Summer 2023 Board Meeting in Mundelein, IL



The CFM national board of directors held its semi-annual board meeting in Mundelein, Illinois August 3-6. All were grateful to Bishop George J. Rassas for hosting and to the staff at Mundelein Seminary for the tour of the venue in preparation for the 2024 CFM Diamond Anniversary Celebration. Everyone was impressed and in awe of the beauty and serenity of the place.

[University of Saint Mary of the Lake \(usml.edu\)](https://usml.edu)

The board also thanks the staff at Marytown for its gracious accommodations and the tour of the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Marytown, located less than a mile from Mundelein seminary.



[National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe - Libertyville, IL \(kolbeshrine.org\)](https://kolbeshrine.org)

Inspired by the environment and experiences, the national board accomplished the weekend's long list of tasks and goals including a fruitful Zoom meeting with the CFM 75th Anniversary Advisory Board on Friday evening. With great confidence, the CFM National Board welcomes you to a wonderful experience at Mundelein/Marytown in 2024 for our 75th anniversary.




Developments in ICCFM



New President and Vice President Couples were elected to the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements (ICCFM) at the World Assembly held in Hungary on July 3, 2023. Sergio and Dora Trevino from Mexico will serve as Presidents and John and Lauri Przybysz of Maryland, USA will serve as Vice Presidents. Father Enrique Luis Barragán Pérez, O.S.J. from Mexico will serve as the new chaplain.

ICCFM announced that with the help of CFM Malawi, they will work to spread the movement to other countries in Africa. Currently Africa is the only continent where the movement is only in one country: Malawi. The next ICCFM World Assembly will be in the Philippines in 2026 and in Malawi in 2029.

Please join ICCFM for its 57th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass via Zoom on September 7, 2023.



**7 /SEPT./2023
THURSDAY - JUEVES
MASS TO GIVE THANKS
MISA PARA DAR GRACIAS**


**LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER
CELEBRAMOS JUNTOS**

**57 YEARS
AÑOS**

**ICCFM FOUNDATION
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7 /SEPT./1966 → 7 /SEPT./2023

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**FATHER - PADRE
ENRIQUE BARRAGÁN OSJ
ICCFM CHAPLAIN
CAPELLÁN CIMFC**

**TRANSLATE / TRADUCE
FATHER - PADRE
JOSEPH ALEXANDER DE LEÓN
ICCFM AUXILIAR CHAPLAIN
CIMFC CAPELLÁN ADJUNTO**

"The Eucharist and Our Lady are the two pillars that will sustain our lives." St. John Bosco
"La Eucaristía y la Virgen son las dos columnas que han de sostener nuestros vidas." San Juan Bosco

ICCFM	Facebook	Zoom	ICCFM / CIMFC	YouTube
COUNTRY/PAÍS	CITY/CIUDAD	TIME/HORA		
PHILIPPINES	MANILA	22:00		
MEXICO	MONTERREY	08:00		
INDIA	BANGALORE	19:30		
HUNGARY	BUDAPEST	16:00		
MALAWI	LILONGUE	16:00		
COLOMBIA	BUCARAMANGA	9:00		
USA	LOS ANGELES	07:00		
USA	BALTIMORE	10:00		
AUSTRALIA	SIDNEY	12:00		

Understanding our Logo and Story



Christian Family Movement

The CFM logo uses a traditional symbol for the Holy Trinity, three interlocking circles. The initials of the Christian Family Movement "CFM" are formed from these interlocking circles. This symbol serves as a powerful icon pointing to the key mystery of the Christian Faith (the Holy Trinity), as well as the call for the family to be an image of the love and unity, found perfectly within the Triune God.

Since the earliest Biblical times our Creator made covenants with families and communities to advance the society that He envisioned. The foundation and cornerstone of that society was – and remains – the family. Today, as then, the fundamental social unit, inscribed in human nature, is the natural family. "The family must become what it is," proclaimed Saint John Paul II in his Familiaris Consortio. In other words, the family must develop its full potential according to God's plan, for its own inner life as a community of persons based on marriage, for its service of life, for its wider role in society and for its life of faith within the Church.

For 7 decades CFM has been promoting Christ-centered marriage & family life consistent with these directions. The movement has its roots in the early years of World War II, when a group got concerned with the state of the world and the Church became convinced that lay apostolic action was necessary for the renewal of society and Catholicism. CFM offers couples & families a unique method for reflection and sharing which encourages honest discussion. This creates space for organic family-to-family learning through which members find wisdom in each other's experiences and insights. It is a time-tested framework, with accessible content available to pastors and parish family ministry leaders, as well as directly to individuals in their CFM groups.



In Memoriam



[Obituary information for Kenneth R. Grenier \(raffertyfunerals.com\)](http://raffertyfunerals.com)

[Michael Mitchell - Valley Roadrunner \(valleycenter.com\)](http://valleycenter.com)



[James "Jack" J. Kloss, Owned Construction Company - MyVeronaNJ](http://MyVeronaNJ)



You may also check CFM on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ChristianFamilyMovementUSA).

337 days till our CFM 75th Anniversary Celebration

In less than a year, CFM will be celebrating its 75th year of existence. Please visit [75th Anniversary - CFM-USA](https://www.cfm-usa.org/75th-Anniversary) for more information so you can plan your August 2024 vacation with CFM!



Getting to Know You

Heather Honkomp Digital Communications Manager



Christian Family Movement (CFM) is pleased to announce the addition of Heather Honkomp as the Digital Communications Manager. Heather and her husband, Jeff, are members of Saint Joseph Parish of Winterset, Iowa. They have two grown children, Madison and Jacob, plus their new son-in-law, Justin. Heather and Jeff are active in their parish as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors as well as sponsor couple for marriage preparation. Heather is the Altar and Rosary Social Committee Chairperson for the parish. She was also the Director of Religious Education for the parish for six years where she was trained and implemented Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Heather is a graduate of Iowa State University where she met Jeff. They have been married for 29 years. She has been with the United States Department of Agriculture (Rural Development Internal Compliance) for 32 years. Heather & Jeff are active in their community where Heather has been an Extension Council member, a 4-H leader, and is currently providing the social media management for the Fair board, where Jeff is the president.

Heather, Jeff, and their children first became acquainted with CFM approximately eight years ago. Board members, Rick and Sandy Hoenig, invited them to join a CFM group for families within their parish. Now they are participating in a CFM group of "empty nesters". CFM has been a wonderful way to enrich their faith. It offers another opportunity to grow in faith within their family and with their community.