

CFM in ACTION: St. Joan of Arc in San Ramon, CA and St. Lawrence Martyr in Redondo Beach, CA

The CFM group and the Faith Formation/Youth Ministry department of St. Joan of Arc in San Ramon, CA held their first ever **HALLOWEEN/ALL SAINTS DAY TRUNK-OR-TREAT** on **October 29, 2023!**



It was a well attended and fun event for about 300 people. It was also a productive and creative collaboration among the different ministries. Trunks and treats were mostly provided by their LIGHT high school students. Carnival games were provided by their EDGE middle school students. Dinner (main course) and drinks were provided by CFM and Faith Formation. Everyone else brought a salad, side, or dessert to share. Needless to say, those who attended went home with smiles on their faces and joy in their hearts! Thank you, Annette Altamirano, for sharing these photos & information!

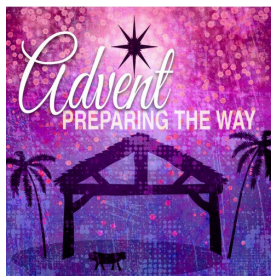


Msgr. Peter, Msgr. Paul,
and Fr. Charles

Meanwhile, down south in Redondo Beach, CA, CFM participated in the **St. Lawrence Martyr Trunk-or-Treat** event held on **October 28, 2023**. It also allowed CFM to foster awareness about what CFM is about.



"The Christian season of Advent begins on Dec. 3. Advent is a time of waiting. Of course we're waiting (again) for the rebirth of Christ into our world. But waiting is hard, especially for children. Help your children enter into the positive spirit of waiting." Susan Vogt



247 days till our CFM 75th Anniversary Celebration



It will be here sooner than you think! CFM's 75th year anniversary celebration will be held from August 3-4, 2024 @ Mundelein Seminary in Illinois. Please visit [75th Anniversary -CFM-USA](#) for more information. We hope you can join your fellow CFM members (past, present and future) in this momentous occasion.

Here are some websites to help your families observe Advent:

[10 Meaningful Advent Traditions for Catholic Families \(catholicicing.com\)](#)

[12 Catholic Advent Activities for Families | Dynamic Catholic](#)

[Advent Activities for All | Loyola Press](#)



When Does Christmas Actually End?

Christmas Day — December 25, Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Octave — from December 25, Nativity of Our Lord to January 1, Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

The 12 Days of Christmas — from December 25, Nativity of Our Lord to January 6, Feast of the Epiphany or Three Kings

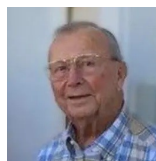
40 Days after Christmas — from December 25 to February 2, Feast of the Presentation of our Lord (Candlemas).

For more fun facts and information, please visit:

[When does Christmas actually end? | Catholic News Agency](#)



In Memoriam



[South Naperville IL Mortuary: Obituaries & Guest Book | Friedrich-Jones & Overman-Jones, serving Naperville & Plainfield IL \(friedrichjones.com\)](#)

[Thomas O'Brien Obituary \(2023\) - San Leandro, CA - East Bay Times \(legacy.com\)](#)



[Marguerite Kowaleski Obituary - Thayer-Rock Funeral Home - Farmington - 2023 \(legacy.com\)](#)



[RONALD J. VOGES | Perry County News | du-boiscountyherald.com](#)



Dr. James Healy

**celebrated author, speaker,
and consultant on marriage
and family life**

**keynote speaker at CFM's 75th
anniversary celebration in
Mundelein, IL**

[Dr. James Healy - Rooted In Love](#)



For thirty years, Dr. Healy was the director of the Office of Family Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet, Illinois. He retired from that position in 2019 but continues to speak, write, and consult on marriage and family topics.

He has spoken on marriage in over 90 dioceses, both across the United States and internationally. His marriage preparation and enrichment materials, most notably *When the Cake is Gone: How to Be Married and Stay Engaged* and his *Living Together and Christian Commitment* have been used in every diocese in the United States. Dr. Healy has contributed chapters to a number of books, and has written for such magazines as *Family Perspectives*, *Catholic World*, *Liguorian*, *Marriage*, and *Deacon Digest*. He is also active online through articles, blogs, and videos on various sites.

Dr. Healy was the founding president of Illinois Catholic Family Ministries, and has served as an advisor to the National Council of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Marriage and the Family. He was honored with the 2000 Family Ministry Award by the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers. He received an honorary doctorate (to go along with his earned one in Counseling Psychology) in the Humanities from Lewis University in 2019. Jim and his wife Madonna have four adult children.