

CFM in Action

Our Lady of the Wayside (OLW) in Arlington Heights, IL

CFM Christmas Caroling: Our Lady of the Wayside CFM members and their children sang Christmas carols to senior residents at a nearby assisted living facility in Arlington Heights, IL on December 13.



We were accompanied by guitarists from CFM and OLW who frequently perform at area senior living facilities. Our Lady of the Wayside Deacon Jerry Brennan opened with a prayer before the music started. After singing, the children and residents made Christmas ornaments together. There were wonderful moments seeing the children personally offer their own created ornaments as gifts to each of the residents! Earlier in the week, families and students made Christmas cards with heartfelt messages for the residents. The cards were put into the residents' mailboxes to bring them even more cheer. We are grateful for everyone who brought joy to the senior residents! ”

<https://olwparish.org/2025/12/16/christmas-carols-lots-of-love-for-moorings-residents/>

THANK
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For your generous support of our
Giving Tuesday Campaign.
Because of your generosity, it was
a huge success!



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To those CFM groups who shared
Christmas Cheer for our
2025 Christmas video.

You may view it [HERE](#).





CFM For Life

My late wife, Barbara, and I

and our 2 & 3 year old daughters - joined CFM in 1970 (I was 29) at Holy Trinity Westfield, NJ. Our group was active for many years. Barbara and I were regional reps and board members in the Aitchison, Hamilton, Leingang era. As I have shared in many homilies I have always gone to church my entire life, but CFM was responsible for our "becoming church". Now at 84, my CFM friends (those who are still alive) have been together for 55 years.

We have journeyed and celebrated the most joyous occasions together and held each other up in the saddest events in our lives. As a deacon I have baptized, married and buried many in our group and been with them in many other sacramental moments. Blessings beyond counting!

You can see from this short personal history that CFM has been and will be a part of my life in some way until I die.

In peace,
Deacon Tom



The National Office has moved to Pittsburgh!

Our new address:

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Prayer for the New Year 2026

Loving God,
As we step into this new year,
we pause first to give thanks.
Thank You for the year that has passed—
for joys that lifted us,
for trials that strengthened us,
and for Your presence that never left us.

For our families,
our CFM community,
and every grace received in 2025,
we offer grateful hearts.

As we enter 2026,
renew our love,
strengthen our marriages,
and guide our families in faith.

Make our homes
places of welcome,
our words instruments of peace,
and our actions signs of Your mercy.

Teach us to
Observe with honesty,
Judge with wisdom, and
Act with courage and love.

We entrust this new year to You
with gratitude and hope. **Amen.**



We would love to hear from you!!

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What 2025 Taught Our Families

Where did we experience
God's grace most clearly last year?
What challenges strengthened our
faith?
What are some hopes that we
carry into 2026?

Raising Hopeful Children in Uncertain Times

How will we let our children learn hope when they see:
parents pray through difficulty,
honesty about struggles paired with faith, and
compassion for others modeled at home?

Looking Ahead to 2026

As we begin the year, let us:
recommit to ACT meetings and formation,
discern service and leadership opportunities,
bring new families into the movement, and
live intentionally as family missionaries.



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