

The National Board of Directors covets your prayers for a productive and fruitful weekend as we gather in Oshkosh, WI, August 7-9, for our annual Summer Board Meeting. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers!



The National Board has prayerfully developed a vision and strategic plan to guide CFM in the years ahead.

A vision helps us remain grounded in who we are while guiding us where God is calling us as a Movement. As we look to the future of CFM, our vision keeps us focused on our mission while inspiring us to welcome new families, strengthen our communities, and continue sharing the gift of CFM for generations to come.

Leader's were recently introduced to our vision statement in the Leader Support Publication.

Read it [HERE](#).



More information to come on how you and your group can help put CFM's vision into action.

CFM VISION STATEMENT

CFM will continue to be a vibrant, relevant, and preferred small-group experience for families—fostering accompaniment and community among its members while striving to be active in every diocese in the United States.



ACT NOW!

**JOIN OR RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP
ONLINE TODAY!**



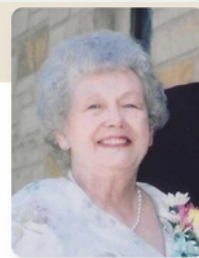
**FALL REGISTRATION
INFO WILL BE **EMAILED**
TO LEADERS**

**CONTACT THE OFFICE IF
YOU NEED ASSISTANCE**

JUST ANNOUNCED

**The World Assembly of Families &
ICCFM General Assembly will be
held in Honduras - July 2027.**

In Memoriam



Patricia Ann Durbin

Martha Jane Maurer

Former CA Rep on the
National Board
April 10, 1952- May 26, 2026
(No obit available)





CFM at Our Lady of the Fields Millersville MD hosted a family party with dancing, pizza, and fun for all ages. **100 people came after Saturday night Mass.** It was a promo for the CFM in the parish and a service to the community. The parish bought pizza and hired a DJ for line dancing. The CFM members and parishioners brought sides and desserts. It was a blast! The CFM at OLF hosted the 1st Fun Night last summer to welcome the National Board. John and Lauri Przybysz are leaders, and also serve as VP for ICCFM.



Back to School... Renewed in Faith!

As we pray for God's blessings on all students, teachers, and school staff this month, let's also recommit ourselves to growing as families of faith.

RENEW YOUR ANNUAL CFM MEMBERSHIP TODAY AND INVITE A FRIEND TO DISCOVER THE JOY OF BELONGING TO OUR CFM FAMILY.

Together, we can continue building Christ-centered homes, one family at a time.



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A Mother Who Helped Shape a Pope

As Pope Leo XIV's life and vocation receive renewed attention, many have reflected on the quiet faith of his mother, Mildred Martínez Prevost, and the home that formed his early years.

Mildred earned a degree in library science from DePaul University and worked as a librarian before focusing on family life. She was active in parish ministry, sang in the choir, and was known for her love of sacred music and steady Catholic faith.

Her life took place within a vibrant Chicago Catholic parish culture shaped by strong family-centered spirituality. Historian Ellen Skerrett describes this environment as one in which Catholic families often lived their faith through parish life, community relationships, and lay movements that encouraged faith in the home.

Mildred Prevost's life is a reminder that vocations are often formed quietly within families long before they are seen in public ministry. The home remains one of the most important places where faith is passed on to the next generation.

Further Reading:

[Chicago Tribune](#) (biographical background reporting)

[The New York Times](#) (family and faith profiles)

Ellen Skerrett, "How much did Pope Leo XIV know about his mother's life in Chicago"



Christian Family Movement Connection

In this context, Skerrett notes that Mildred and Louis Prevost lived within a Catholic environment where movements - including the Christian Family Movement were active in promoting family-centered discipleship. Their family life reflects the values CFM encourages: prayer in the home, active parish involvement, and service to others.

These values include:

Faith lived in daily family life

Strengthening marriage and family spirituality

Service to neighbors and those in need

Building homes rooted in prayer and Catholic values

Within this spirit, the Prevost household is described in biographical reporting as a home shaped by prayer, generosity, and Catholic practice.

This environment helped nurture the vocation of their youngest son, Robert Prevost, now Pope Leo XIV.



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