



## St. Joseph & Father's Day: A Model of Paternal Virtue



Father's Day honors the paternal bonds & influence of fathers in society. On this day, it is fitting to consider the exemplary life of St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus & the spouse of Mary. He lived a life of humility, unwavering faith & devotion to God & his family, hence providing a rich tapestry of lessons for contemporary

fathers striving to fulfill their roles with grace and integrity.

### **St. Joseph: The Silent Protector**

Joseph never said a word in the Bible, yet his actions spoke volumes. This non-passive silence showed deep inner strength and a profound trust in God's plan. He protected Mary and Jesus, guiding them safely to Egypt to escape Herod's wrath and later bringing them back to Nazareth. In a world where words often overshadow actions, St. Joseph's silent strength indicate that fathers are called to be protectors of their families, not necessarily through grandiose declarations but through consistent, loving actions that reflect their commitment and dedication.

### **Faith and Obedience: Joseph's Guiding Stars**

When the angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, telling him to take Mary as his wife despite her miraculous pregnancy, Joseph did not hesitate. He trusted in God's message and acted accordingly. When self-will and personal ambition get prioritized, submission to a higher purpose becomes a powerful testament to true fatherhood.

### **The Humble Worker: Joseph's Labor of Love**

As a carpenter, St. Joseph provided for his family through the labor of his hands, embodying the dignity of work. Fathers who approach their work with the same humility & commitment as Joseph are living out their vocation with grace. They show their children the value of hard work, integrity, and the importance of serving others.

May St. Joseph's example inspire all fathers to embrace their vocation with the same spirit of love & devotion, guiding their families with quiet strength & unwavering faith. Through his intercession, may all fathers find the grace & wisdom to fulfill their sacred role, nurturing their families with humility, compassion, kindness, and fortitude. Amen.

## CFM's Founding Day

75 years ago on June 17, 1949, 59 delegates, representing the Movement in 11 different cities, met for the first national seminar. By this time, CFM had its own publication, entitled ACT, and had made contact with similar groups in other cities, and received official church recognition. Within a year, more than 2,500 copies of the first CFM program, For Happier Families, were distributed. Pat and Patty Crowley were elected Executive Secretary Couple and served as leaders of CFM for nearly 20 years. CFM had become a nationwide movement.

Please join us on June 17, 2024 for a virtual celebration of CFM's Founding Day.

Topic: CFM Founding Day Celebration

Time: Jun 17, 2024 08:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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## Remembering CFM's Past Leading Lights

In honor of Msgr. Reynold Hillenbrand, CFM established an award to recognize exemplary leadership and dedication of priest chaplains of their local CFM groups.



### 2003 Fr. Sam Palmer Des Moines, IA

Fr. Sam Palmer was recognized for his contributions as a CFM chaplain with the

Monsignor Reynold Hillenbrand award. He served as CFM national chaplain and also as international chaplain for ICCFM. He is shown here receiving the Hillenbrand Award from then CFM Vice Presidents Bob and Anne Tomonto, during a weekend of meeting and celebration in Des Moines on November 15, 2003.

[Rev. Samuel Palmer - The Alumni Association of the Pontifical North American College \(pncalumni.org\)](http://www.pncalumni.org)

## CFM Needs Your ACTION!

On May 21, 2024, Greenfield, Iowa endured a devastating EF-4 tornado. This powerful storm claimed the lives of 4 people and injured at least 36 others. In total, 153 homes in the county were destroyed, & the impact on local businesses is still being assessed. In the aftermath, the community & surrounding areas have come together to begin the long process of recovery. There is a tremendous amount of work to be done, and both prayers and resources are urgently needed.



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### Drone Footage of Tornado Aftermath

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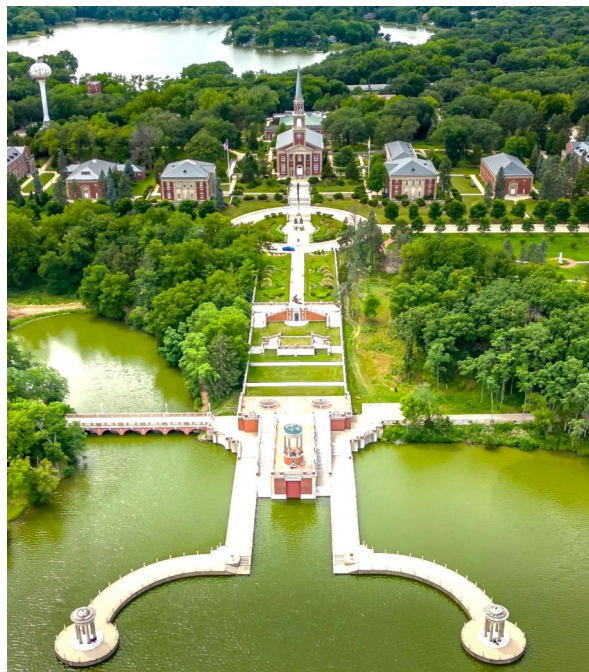
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St. John's Catholic Church in Greenfield has been coordinating donation efforts. They are accepting donations of gift cards to local businesses. Additionally, the Greater Greenfield Community Foundation, an established 501(c)(3) organization, is accepting donations online. They are not accepting physical donations at this time as they are overflowing with cleaning, packing, building supplies, water, and clothing. Financial support is needed as well as prayers. For more information or to donate please visit:

[GGCF \(greenfieldiafoundation.org\)](http://www.ggcf.org)

Thank you, Heather Honkomp for bringing this to our attention.

## 64 days till our CFM 75th Anniversary Celebration



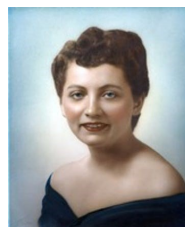
Just 2 more months and we will all gather to celebrate 75 years of CFM's existence together. You may still join us in reminiscing about the past and making new memories together at CFM's 75th year anniversary celebration (August 3-4, 2024) at Mundelein Seminary in Illinois. We hope you will invite members of your current and past groups to join, too. Please visit our website at [75th Anniversary -CFM-USA](http://www.75thAnniversary-CFM-USA.com) to register and for details.



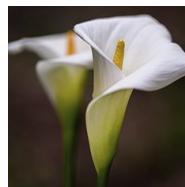
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