



CFM's Founding Day Celebration — June 17, 2024



Several CFM members, past and present, from all over the USA, gathered online for a virtual celebration of CFM's Founding Day on June 17, 2024.

Members took turns leading the Holy Rosary with thoughtful meditations before each decade and prayerful intentions before each bead of the rosary.

It was like a who's who of CFM as we did a round-robin among the attendees: present and former president couples and board members of national and international CFM, new and old members, and Dr. Jim Healy, our keynote speaker for the in-person 75th anniversary Celebration in Mundelein, IL.

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34 days till our CFM 75th Anniversary Celebration

We're now down to a very close stretch to the day when we will all gather to celebrate 75 years of CFM's existence together. We are looking forward to reminiscing about the past and making new memories at CFM's 75th year anniversary celebration (August 3-4, 2024) at Mundelein Seminary in Illinois. Please visit our website at [75th Anniversary -CFM-USA](https://www.cfm-usa.org/75th-Anniversary-CFM-USA) for more details plus important information about the commemorative book (free for attendees) of which limited copies may be available for purchase (\$30) for non-attendees. We will also be having a virtual 75th anniversary celebration in the last quarter of the year. Meanwhile, please share your CFM memories in this kudoboard: [CFM-USA's Kudoboard | Kudoboard](https://www.cfm-usa.org/kudoboard) or via email to cfmoffice91@gmail.com.



Fr Louis Cameli: On Co-responsibility in Mission

The Australian and US Cardijn Institutes held a webinar on June 8th (June 7th USA) with Fr Louis Cameli, Cardinal Blase Cupich's delegate for formation and mission in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Addressing the theme "Rediscovering Co-responsibility in Mission," Fr Louis spoke on the importance of the lay vocation, and on the role of the lay apostolic movements in promoting that vocation in the light of Church teaching from Vatican II until Pope Francis. Citing the significant historical role played by the Cardijn movements, he recently called for the Church to retrieve its history of co-responsibility in mission." Fr. Cameli also shared his personal experience with CFM and how powerful it was. He challenged us as he shared four examples of why he thinks the group was so successful in taking hold of their responsibility in extending the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. He also addressed the challenge of finding chaplains. You may listen to the entire webinar here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9D1cg3wK8g>

Fr Louis John Cameli is a Chicago Heights, Illinois, native and a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He is the author of multiple books & served as principal writer/editor of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's document The Basic Plan for the Ongoing Formation of Priests.

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.



2009
Rev Thomas Rzepiela
St. Thomas of Villanova,
Palatine, IL

2009 CFM president couple John and Lauri Przybysz awarded Father Tom Rzepiela the Hillenbrand award in recognition of his service as a CFM chaplain. Mary Lou Gorman recruited Father Tom for CFM while he was stationed as a seminarian at St. James-Arlington Heights. He was chaplain of a group at St. Thomas of Villanova from 1972 to 1979. He remained involved in CFM while he lived at OLW from 1979 to 1987 when he was on the faculty at Mundelein seminary. He served as chaplain of the Chicago federation from 1982 to 1987. He was the chaplain of CFM at St. Thomas.

[Catholic New World - 5 Minutes with Father - Priesthood was on his mind and heart since second grade \(chicagocatholic.com\)](http://chicagocatholic.com)



Prayer for America

Dear God, we thank you for the bountiful blessings you have bestowed on us. Guide us in being good stewards of these gifts. Let us care for all of your beautiful creation, from the redwood forests to the gulfstream waters. Make us instruments of your peace in order to put an end to rockets' red glare and bombs bursting in air.

Help us to love and care for all of our neighbors - locally and globally - so that we might be truly crowned with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. Amen.

Franciscan Mission Service

2024-2025 Program Guide

Parables: More Than Just Stories



We all have heard the parables, but have we taken the time to look at them using our CFM OJA methodology? "Parables: More than just stories", our 2024-2025 Program Guide, gives us a chance to examine some of the most well-known parables (e.g. The Prodigal Son & The Good Samaritan) giving us a chance to "stop and think" and see how these parables serve as a guide to action. CFM is a movement of families transforming the world at home, at church, and in society, by demonstrating love and energy that attracts others to Christ. Join us in 2024-2025 as we explore how parables reveal the pathways to improve society through actions of love, service, and education!



In Memoriam



[MaryLynn Broughman Obituary \(1943 - 2024\) - Mount Pleasant, WI - Kenosha News \(legacy.com\)](#)



[Ludwig Kuttner Obituary \(1934 - 2024\) - Sierra Vista, AZ - Herald Review Media \(legacy.com\)](#)



[Madeleine C. Roy Obituary \(2024\) - Lewiston, ME - Albert & Burpee Funeral & Cremation Services \(legacy.com\)](#)