



**CFM in ACTION:**  
**St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church**  
**Redondo Beach, CA**

**Camp Pendleton Journey**

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Saturday 3 March 2024, 8:30AM to 1:30 PM

We joined David Henseler, Director of the Rotary Camp Pendleton Women and Children Outreach Program, outside of the gate to enter Camp Pendleton on a rainy Saturday morning. In front of the Warrior Warehouse, a long line of Marine families had already formed. The diapers barely got put on the shelves as they were quickly taken from our arms.



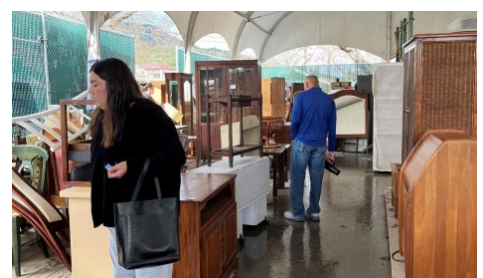
It was hectic and fast moving, yet very heartwarming when we could get them what they needed. We offered water, cornbread, and grapes to our volunteers.



It felt like a win-win situation of being able to help our military families in providing them for what they need and for the volunteers and donors in feeling appreciated for services for the goods and kindness shared generously.

We thank the men and women in the military for their services to our country! May you all continue to be blessed and be a blessing.

For more ways to help military families, here's one: [Help Military Families \(aarp.org\)](http://aarp.org)



## HILLENBRAND AWARD

The Hillenbrand award recognizes CFM chaplains for outstanding service to the movement. It is named for the first national chaplain of CFM, **Monsignor Reynold Hillenbrand** of Chicago. Hillenbrand was key in setting the program agenda for CFM during the formative years of the movement in the 50's.

The meeting that served as the founding of the Christian Family Movement also affirmed the chaplaincy of Msgr. Reynold Hillenbrand. His leadership, including his relationship with the Crowleys, is central to CFM's story. Hillenbrand's opening talk to his seminarians at St. Mary of



Important figures in Chicago's "Catholic Action" of the 1940s: Pat and Patty with Monsignor Reynold Hillenbrand and Cardinal Samuel Stritch.

the Lake, where at age 31, he was perhaps the youngest rector in the world, set the outward-looking perspective for all his involvements, including with CFM: Priests of tomorrow must look 'beyond their own comfortable lives - to see suffering in the world, to have a heart for the unemployed, not to shy away from misery, but to feel the injustice of inadequate wages.' CFM continually had elements of self-help and proximate interests. But Hillenbrand insisted on a competing vision. His thinking, as supported by the Crowleys, was dominant in CFM publications and its conventions. CFM is not 'a family or neighborhood movement' per se. Its purpose is the formation of lay apostles who because of CFM are able to move within their own work and community circles as agents for social justice...Hillenbrand preached that liturgy forms its participants for social action and that it thus plays a decisive role in humanizing society. He 'firmly believed that the solution to social problems (is) grounded in a return to the altar.' (Taken from *Patty Crowley, Lay Pioneer* by William Droel)

Next month, ACT will feature the first recipient (in 2002) of the Hillenbrand Award - **Monsignor Michael Lenihan** of St. Lawrence Martyr Parish, Redondo Beach, CA. This year at our 75th Anniversary Celebration we will be awarding the Hillenbrand award once again. Join us in Mundelein as we present this prestigious award to our past National Chaplain, **Fr. Louis Golamari** of St. Jude the Apostle Parish, Oshkosh, WI.

## 124 days till our CFM 75th Anniversary Celebration





Spring has sprung which makes many of us feel excited about new life, new discoveries, and maybe even new beginnings. After 75 years, CFM continues to inspire many families to thrive in their faith. Let's make new memories together 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) to register and for additional details.

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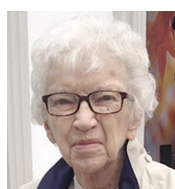


### In Memoriam



**Edythe Mary Dodson Schirra**

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