

# ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

# Newsletter



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## A Season of Grace and Renewal in the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers

By Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap.  
Director General, Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As we joyfully mark the 175th Anniversary of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers, I write to share with you a spirit of deep gratitude and renewed hope for all that the Lord is doing in and through our apostolate. The gathering this past July 24–26, 2025, in Pittsburgh was not merely a commemoration of the past, but a celebration of the living grace that continues to animate our mission today.

From our beginning in 1850 in Lille, France, when devout Catholic women first met to pray for their families and the Church, the Confraternity has remained a radiant testimony to the sanctifying power of motherhood lived in faith. One hundred seventy-five years later, that same flame burns brightly in the hearts of Christian Mothers across the world.

### A Family Reunited from Every Corner of the Church

This year's conference was truly a family reunion of the universal Church. Officers and members came from across the United States—from Hawaii to the Carolinas—and from abroad. We were especially honored by the presence of Mrs. Rosa Santos from the island of Guam, representing 24 active Confraternities there. I was blessed to visit Guam last year for their island-wide gathering in Agana, attended by more than 500 Christian Mothers, clergy, and the Archbishop. Their faith, joy, and maternal devotion radiate the spirit of our founders.

We are blessed with new confraternities starting in Canada, Nigeria, and several African nations—including Tanzania, Malawi, and Gabon—where interest continues to grow. It is humbling to witness how the same Holy Spirit who inspired our beginnings in France continues to multiply this work of grace on every continent.

### Faithful Mothers, a Faithful Future

On this 175th anniversary, we give thanks for all that God has done through this movement of grace. From Lille to Lagos, from Paris to Pittsburgh, from Greensburg and Guam to Montreal and Malawi—the Christian Mothers continue to be the heart of the home, the fire of the faith, and the hope of the Church.

May the Sorrowful Mother, our patroness, watch over you and guide you always to her Son. And may Almighty God bless you.

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Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

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## Leadership Team

Director General Fr. Joseph Tuscan  
Members of the General Counsel



# Office Updates

## A New Member Manual and Revised Statutes

We also rejoice in the publication of our new Member Manual, a comprehensive guide for local Confraternities that unites formation, prayer, and leadership resources. It is designed to help officers and members live the mission of the Archconfraternity with greater clarity and spiritual depth.

During the Pittsburgh conference, I was privileged to officially promulgate the revised Statutes of the Archconfraternity. These revisions maintain the integrity of our tradition while ensuring that our governance and structures can meet the needs of a growing, international family of faith. They embody the continuity of our mission: to form mothers who evangelize through the sanctification of family life.

The Christian Mother's Daily Prayer for the Children To be prayed daily by every member of the Confraternity

O Mary, Immaculate Virgin and Sorrowful Mother, commend our beloved children to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Who refuses nothing to His Mother.

Holy Guardian Angels, pray for them.

St. Joseph, powerful patron, pray for them.

St. John, much-beloved precursor of our Lord, pray for them.

St. John, adopted son of the Sorrowful Mother, pray for them.

St. Joachim and St. Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for them.

St. Augustine, pray for them.

St. Anthony, pray for them.

St. Aloysius, pray for them.

St. Elizabeth, pray for them.

St. Monica, pray for them.

St. Rose of Lima, pray for them.

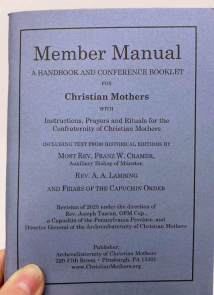
All you holy fathers and mothers, pray for them and for us.

All you holy children, pray for them and for us.

Amen.

You may add your own patrons By special grant from the Holy See, a member of the

Confraternity of Christian Mothers may obtain a partial indulgence each time she prays the Daily Prayer with a contrite heart.

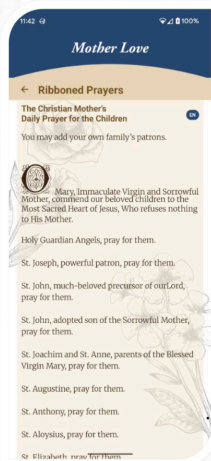


## Members Manual — Now Available!

Get your copy at: [christianmothers.org/store](http://christianmothers.org/store)

- Single Manual: \$3
- 10-Pack: \$25
- 25-Pack: \$55

## Embracing Technology for the Gospel: Our New Website and App



We live in a world that communicates instantly—and we must bring grace into those same channels. To that end, we have launched a new Archconfraternity website, a living home for resources, formation materials, and updates. There, members can register local Confraternities, access prayers, and stay connected with upcoming pilgrimages and events. Even more exciting is the creation of the Mother LoveApp, developed by Mr. Kurtis Keisel of Columbus, Ohio. This innovative tool makes the treasures of Mother Love—Rosaries, meditations, consecrations, and devo-



tions—available anytime and anywhere. This is especially helpful in developing countries where sending a hard copy of the book can be expensive, difficult, or impractical. For decades, Mother Love has been a source of grace for mothers around the world; now, with the app, those same graces can reach hearts across oceans and time zones. While the full Mother Love book is still in the process of being uploaded, the app currently offers a lite version, with the complete text planned for the paid version now under construction. As I said at the conference, “This is how we use technology to extend grace.”



“Mother Love Lite” for the free version on Google Play and Apple App stores



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Thank you for your gift to the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers!



## Honoring Our Legacy of Service

This year we also honored Mrs. Jill Turok, who retired after an astonishing 47 years of dedicated service as secretary of the Archconfraternity. Her fidelity, patience, and quiet strength have been a blessing beyond measure. We are forever grateful for her generous heart and motherly spirit.

We warmly welcome Ms. Aislin Hilgeman as our new secretary. Aislin brings energy, faith, and a deep love for the mission. She inherits a field rich with seeds already sown, and we are confident the Holy Spirit will continue to bear fruit through her stewardship.

## Looking Ahead with Hope

As we look to the future, I am pleased to confirm that our long-awaited Pilgrimage to France in September 2026 is now open for registration. We will journey to Lille, where our movement began; Paris, home of the first Archconfraternity; Lisieux, the home of St. Zélie Martin and St. Thérèse; and Lourdes, the shrine of healing and grace. It will be a spiritual homecoming like no other—a time to give thanks for what God has done and to rekindle our missionary zeal.

The mission entrusted to us has not changed since 1850. In a world increasingly hostile to faith, family, and the dignity of motherhood, the witness of a Christian mother—faithful, prayerful, and courageous—is more necessary than ever. As Pope Leo XIII reminded us:

“The Christian mother is the first guardian of the domestic Church, and her faithful example will bear fruit in eternity.”

# What’s Happening Around the World?



## Christian Mothers in Guam!

The Islande-wide Confraternity of Christian Mothers from Guam had a Day of Recollection in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 14th, 2025 at the Saint Francis of Assisi Church in Yona, Guam. This is one of three big events in the year where all the Christian Mothers meet for 4-5 hours at a chosen Parish Church for prayers. The Program started with an assembly and a procession of Christian Mothers carrying the Unit Banners in representing their village patron. The Welcoming Remarks is said by Rev. Felix Leon Guerrero, Guam’s Christian Mothers Spiritual Advisor. Guest Speaker by Rev. Monsignor Ruben Espano who highlighted on the topic of helping our families, our children and our island. Continued with the 3 O’Clock Devine Mercy Prayer, Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary, Mary’s Way of the Cross, sang the Litany of Mary, Adoration and Benediction. The day ended with singing songs, a wooden Bracelet gift and a boxed meal to go to all CCMs.

## Wisdom from Our Father Director

### Reclaiming the Domestic Church

Dear sisters, our homes are the frontline of spiritual battle. The enemy seeks to destroy marriage, to confuse children, and to rob families of peace. But we are not powerless. We have the Holy Rosary. We have the Eucharist. We have one another.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers is not a social club—it is a spiritual army. Like St. Monica, we intercede; like Our Lady of Sorrows, we suffer; like St. Elizabeth, we teach; and like the women at the foot of the Cross, we persevere.

Rebuild the family, and you will rebuild the Church. Form the children, and you will form future saints. Strengthen marriages, and you will open the floodgates of grace upon a wounded world.

### A Word of Encouragement

I know many of you labor quietly in parishes where support is limited, where meetings are small, and where discouragement sometimes lingers. Do not lose heart. Every Rosary offered for your child, every holy hour for your husband, every lesson in faith given to your family—these are victories in heaven’s eyes.

As St. Francis of Assisi counseled:

“Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

# Pilgrimage to France: 2026

Written By [Aislin Hilgeman](#)

The Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers invites you to embark on a once-in-a-lifetime Pilgrimage to France from September 10–20, 2026. Join our Director General, Fr. Joseph Tuscan, and fellow Christian Mothers on a journey to explore historical and sacred sites connected to our mission.



**Cost:** \$4,800.00 per person (limit 100 people) Spouses are welcome. Below, you will find a list of places we will be visiting on pilgrimage.

If you are interested in joining us please fill out this form:



**Deposit:** \$500 per person (due at time of enrollment)

**Registration Deadline:**  
May 30, 2026 — or until capacity is reached!

**Final Payment Due:** July 12, 2026