



One in Christ:
Communal Life Today
CMSM National Assembly 2026

Welcome to Phoenix!

Dear Brothers,

We are pleased to be gathering together in Phoenix for our annual National Assembly. This year's theme, One in Christ: Communal Life Today, invites members to reflect on the vitality of community and its essential role in religious life. We look forward to our conversations about how our communities can be strengthened and renewed in service of the Gospel.



Our time together at this Assembly will allow us to explore communal life as a foundational element of religious life. As we all know, communal living is expressed in diverse ways from one community to another. Amid these varied experiences, there are common themes that deserve our attention: generational diversity, the need for structures that support wellness, and the desire for a deep, life-giving communal spiritual life.

We gather in Phoenix to engage in meaningful dialogue on these important topics and to learn from our speakers and one another. We hope you enjoy the program, thoughtfully planned with you in mind. We are grateful for your presence here in Phoenix—thank you for being with us!



James B. Herring, O. Praem.
Fr. James Herring, O. Praem.
President



Frank Donio, S.A.C.
Fr. Frank Donio, SAC
Executive Director

Assembly Document Dashboard



Scan the QR code or visit **cmsm.org/documents-26** to access the Assembly Document Dashboard.

The Assembly Document Dashboard will contain pertinent Assembly documents, including:

- Presentation Materials
- Assembly Attendee List
- Sponsor/Exhibitor Directory
- Speaker Biographies

You can also visit the Information Desk located in the Regency Ballroom Foyer (1st Floor) for printed copies of the Attendee List or Sponsor/Exhibitor Directory.

Helpful Information

- **Adoration Chapel:** The Adoration Chapel is located in Cowboy Artists (2nd Floor). It is available for daily prayer from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm (Monday-Wednesday) and 7:00 am to 1:00 pm (Thursday).
- **Headshots:** There will be an opportunity to take professional headshots in the Atrium (2nd Floor) during lunch on Wednesday, July 22.
- **Exhibit Hall Hours:** Please visit page 16 of this program for the Exhibit Hall hours.
- All **meals** and **receptions** will take place on the 2nd Floor in the Atrium.

Monday, July 20

Sponsors are indicated in italics.

7:30 am - 8:00 am

Mass

- Fr. Christopher Fadok, OP

Regency CD

Main Chapel Sponsor: Missionaries of the Precious Blood

8:00 am - 6:30 pm

Registration/Information Desk

Atrium & Regency Foyer (after 9:30 am)

Catholic Apostolate Center

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Breakfast Pre-Assembly & Young Religious attendees only

Atrium

Society of the Divine Word - Chicago Province

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Pre-Assembly - Adult Misconduct: Best Practices in Prevention, Protection, and Response

- Dcn. Steven DeMartino, Kristin Austin, Heather Banis, Fr. Michael Heine, OFM Conv., Fr. Francisco Reyes, CMF, Fr. David Songy, OFM Cap., Amy Jill Strickland

Ellis

Lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Pre-Assembly & Young Religious attendees only

Atrium

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Young Religious Program

Hanson

LaSallian Region of North America

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

New Attendee Welcome

Ellis

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Welcome Reception

Atrium

Vianney Renewal Center

Cowboy Artists - Adoration Chapel

Available for prayer daily.

- July 20-July 22: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
- July 23: 7:00 am to 1:00 pm

Adoration Chapel Sponsor: Legionaries of Christ

Tuesday, July 21

7:00 am - 6:30 pm

Registration/Information Desk

Regency Foyer

Catholic Apostolate Center

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Breakfast & Exhibit Hall Opens

Atrium

Saint Luke Institute

8:15 am - 9:30 am

8:15 am - Morning Prayer

8:30 am - Opening Mass

- Bishop John P. Dolan, Bishop of Phoenix

Regency CD

Main Chapel Sponsor: Missionaries of the Precious Blood

9:30 am - 10:00 am

Coffee Break

Atrium

VIRTUS

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Welcome

- Fr. Frank Donio, SAC & Fr. Pedro Arteaga, MSpS

Regency AB

10:30 am - 11:00 am

Responding to Mental Health Needs of Ministers

- Bishop John P. Dolan

Regency AB

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Support & Accountability as Keys to Healthy & Resilient Communities

- Br. John Mark Falkenhain, OSB

Regency AB

Shalom Center

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Lunch & Exhibits

Atrium

Praesidium

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Welcome Back and Small/Large Group Discussions

Regency AB

2:15 pm - 2:45 pm

Coffee Break & Exhibit Hall

Atrium

VIRTUS

2:45 pm - 3:30 pm

Presidential Address

- Fr. James Herring, O. Praem.

Regency AB

3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Movement Break

3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

Regional Meetings CMSM Members only

Various locations

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm

Movement Break

5:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Nominations Session CMSM Members only

Regency AB

5:15 pm - 5:30 pm

Evening Prayer

Regency CD

Main Chapel Sponsor: Missionaries of the Precious Blood

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Presidential Reception & Exhibit Hall

Atrium

Saint John Vianney Center

Wednesday, July 22

7:00 am - 5:45 pm

Registration/Information Desk

Regency Foyer

Catholic Apostolate Center

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Breakfast & Exhibit Hall

Atrium

Redemptorists

8:15 am - 9:30 am

8:15 am - Morning Prayer

8:30 am - Mass

- Archbishop Gabriele Caccia,
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

Regency CD

Main Chapel Sponsor: Missionaries of the Precious Blood

9:30 am - 10:00 am

Coffee Break & Exhibit Hall

Atrium

Conventual Franciscans

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Dialogue with the Apostolic Nuncio

- Archbishop Gabriele Caccia & Fr. Frank
Donio, SAC

Regency AB

Headshots

There will be an opportunity to take professional headshots in the Atrium during lunch on **Wednesday, July 22.**

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Intergenerational Community Life & Leadership: Study and Panel Discussion

- Presentation of Findings: Genevieve Jordan Laskey
- Panel: Fr. Christopher Fadok, OP, Fr. Mark Francis, CSV, Fr. Akizou Kamina, SVD, and Fr. Vincent Yeager, TOR

Regency AB

Guest House

12:30 pm - 2:15 pm

Lunch, Exhibit Hall, and Headshots

Atrium

Alexian Brothers

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Intergenerationality Group Discussions

Regency AB

3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

Ice Cream Break & Exhibit Hall

Atrium

Conventual Franciscans

3:45 pm - 5:45 pm

Communal Spiritual Life Panel

- Fr. Terrance Allen, LC, Fr. Pedro Arteaga, MSpS, Br. Wayne Fitzpatrick, MM, Fr. Barnaby Johns, OSA

Regency AB

Catholic Theological Union

5:45 pm - 6:15 pm

Business Meeting

CMSM Members only

Regency AB

6:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Evening Prayer

Regency CD

Main Chapel Sponsor: Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Thursday, July 23

7:00 am - 2:00 pm

Registration/Information Desk

Regency Foyer

Catholic Apostolate Center

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Hot Breakfast Buffet

Atrium

Unbound

8:15 am - 9:30 am

8:15 am - Morning Prayer

8:30 am - Closing Mass

- Fr. James Herring, O. Praem.

Regency CD

Main Chapel Sponsor: Missionaries of the Precious Blood

9:30 am - 9:45 am

Coffee Break

Regency Foyer

Paulist Fathers

9:45 am - 11:45 am

Animating Local Community Panel

- Br. Nick Gonzalez, FSC, Abbot Doug Mullin, OSB,
Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

Regency AB

Trinity Missions

10:45 am - 11:15 am

Coffee Break

Regency Foyer

Paulist Fathers

11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Assembly Synthesis

- Dr. Susan Timoney

Regency AB

12:45 pm - 1:00 pm

Wrap Up

- Fr. Frank Donio, SAC

Regency AB

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Lunch

Atrium

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Post-Assembly - Review Boards:

Current Challenges and Responses

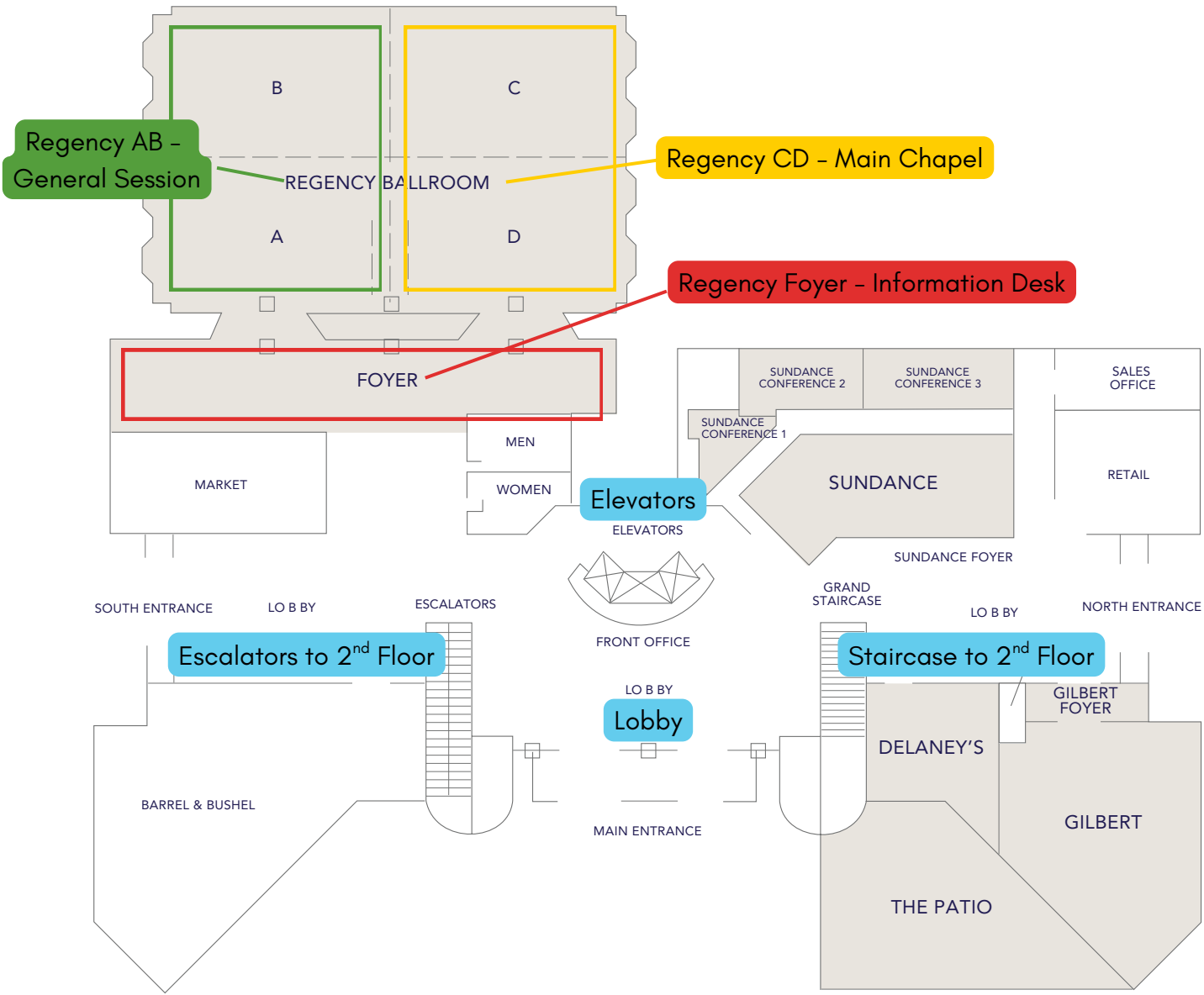
- Dcn. Steven DeMartino,
Fr. William Kaliyadan, MS, Fr. Joe Lehman, TOR,
Br. Dan O'Riordan, FMS, Fr. Pius Pietrzyk, OP
Ellis

Document Dashboard

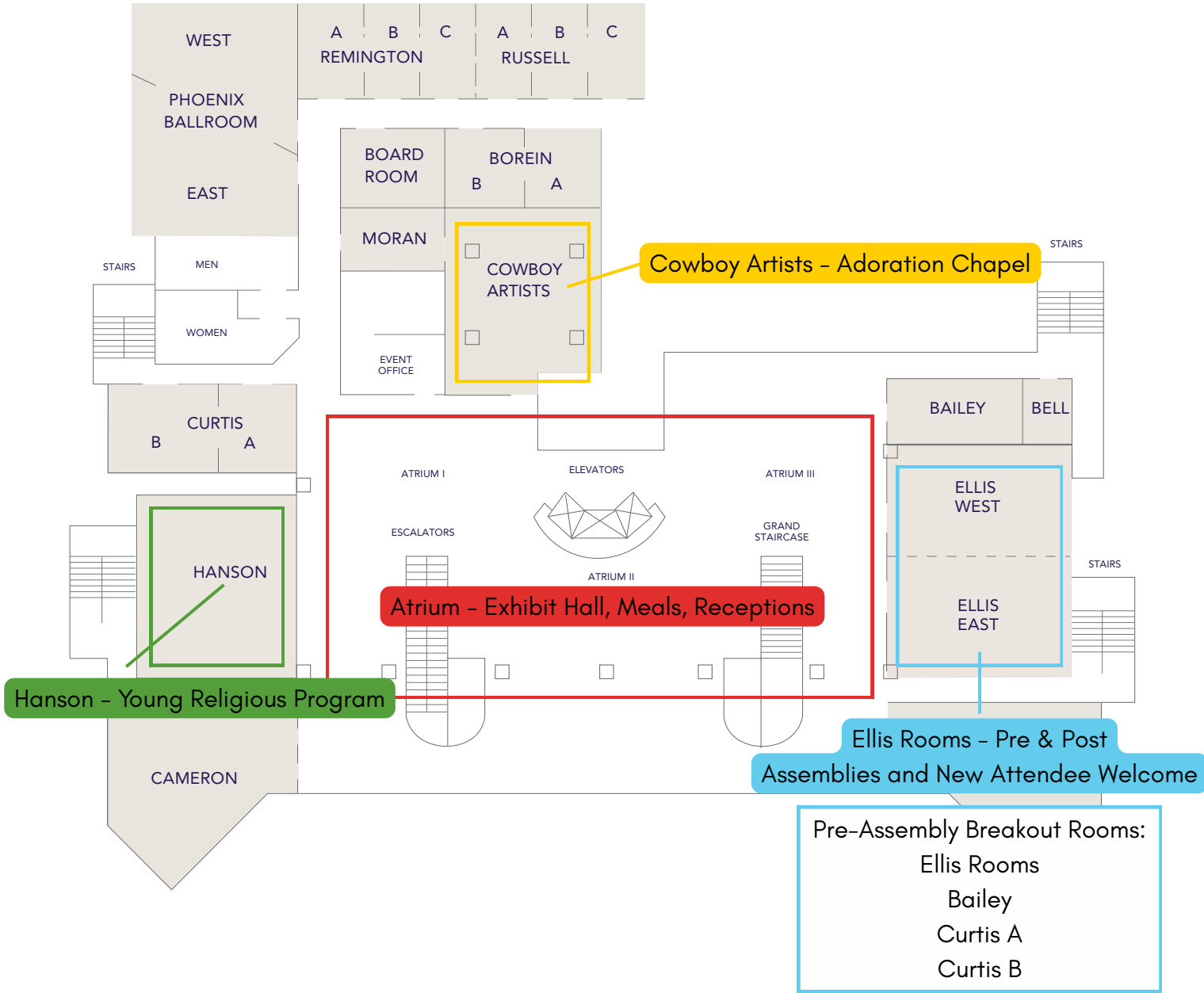
Visit **cmsm.org/documents-26**
for any presentation materials
referenced throughout the Assembly.



Hotel Map - 1st Floor



Hotel Map - 2nd Floor





Fr. Terrance Allen, LC

Communal Spiritual Life Panel



Fr. Pedro Arteaga, MSpS

Communal Spiritual Life Panel



Kristin Austin

*Pre-Assembly – Adult Misconduct:
Best Practices in Prevention,
Protection, and Response*



Heather Banis

*Pre-Assembly – Adult Misconduct:
Best Practices in Prevention,
Protection, and Response*



Archbishop Gabriele Caccia

*Apostolic Nuncio
to the United States*



Deacon Steven DeMartino

Pre-Assembly & Post-Assembly



To learn more about our Pre-Assembly, Assembly, and
Post-Assembly speakers, scan the QR code or visit our website:
cmsm.org/assembly-speakers



Bishop John P. Dolan

Bishop of Phoenix



Fr. Frank Donio, SAC

CMSM Executive Director



Fr. Christopher Fadok, OP

*Intergenerational Community
Life & Leadership Panel*



Br. John Mark Falkenhain, OSB

*Support & Accountability as Keys
to Healthy & Resilient Communities*



Br. Wayne Fitzpatrick, MM

Communal Spiritual Life Panel



Fr. Mark Francis, CSV

*Intergenerational Community
Life & Leadership Panel*



Br. Nick Gonzalez, FSC

Animating Local Community Panel



Fr. Michael Heine, OFM Conv.

*Pre-Assembly - Adult Misconduct:
Best Practices in Prevention,
Protection, and Response*



Fr. James Herring, O. Praem.

CMSM President



Fr. Barnaby Johns, OSA

Communal Spiritual Life Panel



Genevieve Jordan Laskey

*Intergenerational Community
Life & Leadership*



Fr. William Kaliyadan, MS

*Post-Assembly - Review Boards:
Current Challenges and Responses*



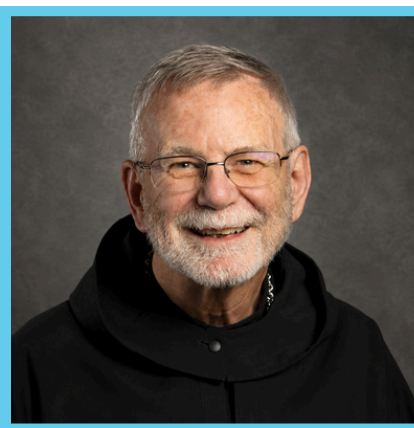
Fr. Akizou Kamina, SVD

*Intergenerational Community
Life & Leadership Panel*



Fr. Joseph Lehman, TOR

*Post-Assembly - Review Boards:
Current Challenges and Responses*



Abbot Doug Mullin, OSB

Animating Local Community Panel



Fr. Pius Pietrzyk, OP

*Post-Assembly - Review Boards:
Current Challenges and Responses*



Fr. Francisco Reyes, CMF

*Pre-Assembly - Adult Misconduct:
Best Practices in Prevention,
Protection, and Response*



Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

Animating Local Community Panel



Fr. David Songy, OFM Cap.

*Pre-Assembly – Adult Misconduct:
Best Practices in Prevention,
Protection, and Response*



Amy Jill Strickland

*Pre-Assembly – Adult Misconduct:
Best Practices in Prevention,
Protection, and Response*



Dr. Susan Timoney

Assembly Facilitator



Fr. Vincent Yeager, TOR

*Intergenerational Community
Life & Leadership Panel*

Platinum Sponsor



Gold Sponsors



PRAESIDIUM



Silver Sponsors



DOMINICAN FRIARS
Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Bronze Sponsors



Assembly Supporters



We are grateful to our exhibitors for their support of the CMSM Assembly!

- Acela Solutions
- AD Advisors
- American City Bureau
- Catholic Investment Services
- Catholic Recruiter Associates
- Catholic Theological Union
- Christian Brothers Investment Services
- Christian Brothers Services
- Concord Advisory Group, Ltd.
- Cross Catholic Outreach
- CSJ Initiatives, Inc.
- Eickhof Columbaria
- Food for the Poor
- Great Lakes Advisors
- Guest House
- Holy Apostles College
- Knights of Columbus
- Labouré Society
- McPherson, Simmons Bros & Sons
- Mexican American College
- National Catholic Services (VIRTUS)
- National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO)
- National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC)
- Oblate School of Theology
- Praesidium
- Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception
- Religious Brothers Conference (RBC)
- Religious Formation Conference (RFC)
- Resource Center for Religious Institutes (RCRI)
- Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology
- Saint John Vianney Center
- Saint Luke Institute
- Shalom Center
- Southdown Institute
- Supporting Our Aging Religious (SOAR!)
- Unbound
- Verso Ministries
- Vianney Renewal Center – Servants of the Paraclete
- Vocation CRM

*This program book is sponsored by: **Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States***

*The Young Religious Program is sponsored by: **LaSallian Region of North America***

*Recording of the Assembly is sponsored by: **Catholic Apostolate Center***

*Audio/Visual needs supported by: **Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers**
and the **Dominicans of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Province***

Exhibit Hall Hours

Tuesday, July 21: 7:00 am – 6:30 pm

- 7:00 am – 8:00 am: Breakfast
- 9:30 am – 10:00 am: Coffee Break
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch
- 2:15 pm – 2:45 pm: Coffee Break
- 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm: Breaks & Regional Meetings
- 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm: Presidential Reception

Wednesday, July 22: 7:00 am – 3:45 pm

- 7:00 am – 8:00 am: Breakfast
- 9:30 am – 10:00 am: Coffee Break
- 12:30 pm – 2:15 pm: Lunch
- 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm: Ice Cream Break

CMSM National Board

Board of Directors

- *President:* Rt. Rev. James Herring, O. Praem.
- *Vice President:* Very Rev. Christopher Fadok, OP
- *Immediate Past President:* Very Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, CPPS
- *Secretary/Treasurer & Member-at-Large:* Very Rev. Michael Heine, OFM Conv.
- *At-Large Executive Committee Member:* Very Rev. Br. Daniel O’Riordan, FMS
- *Member At-Large:* Rev. Donald LaSalle, SMM
- *Member At-Large:* Very Rev. Brian Paulson, SJ
- *Member At-Large:* Rev. Oscar Vasquez, SM
- *Member At-Large:* Rev. Robert Aaron Wessman, GHM
- *Region 1 Chair:* Very Rev. William Kaliyadan, MS
- *Region 2 Chair:* Very Rev. René Constanza, CSP
- *Region 3 Chair:* Very Rev. Joseph Lehman, TOR
- *Region 4 Chair:* Rt. Rev. Elijah Owens, OSB
- *Region 5 Chair:* Rev. Silas Henderson, SDS
- *Region 6 Chair:* Very Rev. Pedro Arteaga, MSpS

Executive Director: Very Rev. Frank Donio, SAC

National Office Staff

- **Executive Director:** Very Rev. Frank Donio, SAC
- **Director of Programs & Managing Editor, *Review for Religious*:** David Rohrer Budiash
- **Director of Communications:** Greta David
- **Director of Operations:** Chris Pierno
- **Director for Safeguarding Initiatives:** Deacon Steven DeMartino
- **Office Administrator:** Sara MacKimmie
- **Finance Manager:** Deacon Mark Fontana
- **Assembly Liturgist:** Joseph Basalla

CMSM Committees

Assembly Planning Committee

- Rev. Donald LaSalle, SMM (*Chair*)
- Rt. Rev. James Herring, O. Praem.
- Very Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, CPPS
- Rt. Rev. Elijah Owens, OSB

Finance Committee

- Very Rev. Michael Heine, OFM Conv. (*Chair*)
- Rev. Albert Anuszewski, OSST
- Br. Timothy Froehlich, FSC
- Rev. Timothy Kesicki, SJ
- Rev. Gregory Konz, SJ

Review for Religious Editorial Board

- Br. Ernest Miller, FSC (*Chair*)
- Sr. Mary Bendyna, OP
- Sr. Maria Cimperman, RSCJ
- Rev. Kevin Grove, CSC
- Sr. M. Maximilia Um, FSGM
- Rev. Robert Aaron Wessman, GHM

Formation & Vocation Promotion Committee

- Very Rev. Michael Heine, OFM Conv. (*Chair*)
- Very Rev. René Constanza, CSP
- Rev. John Keenan, SSS
- Rev. Ronald Mercier, SJ
- Rt. Rev. Thomas O'Connor, OSB
- Very Rev. Br. Daniel O'Riordan, FMS

Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Committee

- Very Rev. Brian Paulson, SJ (*Chair*)
- Rev. Charles Bouchard, OP
- Rev. Ruffino Ezama, MCCJ
- Br. Brian McLaughlin, SVD
- Very Rev. Anthony Pizzo, OSA
- Rev. Oscar Vasquez, SM

Safeguarding Advisory Committee

- Very Rev. Br. Daniel O'Riordan, FMS (*Chair*)
- Ms. Carol Brescia
- Very Rev. Dan Dorsey, GHM
- Very Rev. Paul Langevin, OFM Conv.
- Rev. Michael Murray, OSFS
- Rev. John Zagarella, O.Praem.

We are grateful to our Board and Committee Members for sharing their time and expertise with CMSM in support of religious life and leadership.

This image shows a full page of blank, lined paper. It features approximately 20 evenly spaced horizontal grey lines across the entire width of the page, providing a guide for writing. The background is a solid off-white color. There are no margins, text, or other markings present.



CMSM Upcoming Event Calendar

- **Eldercare Summit (Online)** — February 2, 2027
- **Safeguarding Ministry Conference (Lutz, FL & Online)** — March 15-19, 2027
- **Spring Leadership Gathering (Marriottsville, MD)** — April 27-29, 2027
- **2027 National Assembly (St. Louis, MO)** — July 19-22, 2027
- **New Leader Workshop (Marriottsville, MD)** — October 19-21, 2027
- **2028 National Assembly (Frisco, TX)** — July 24-27, 2028



For more information about any of these events,
scan the QR code or visit **cmsm.org/events**



National Assembly 2027

July 19-22 2027 | St. Louis, MO

*I am the Vine: Rooted in Christ,
Nurturing Communities for Mission*



Conference of Major Superiors of Men

cmsm.org | (301) 588-4030 | contact@cmsm.org

