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THE DIRECTOR'S Comments

It hardly seems a day goes by that we don't hear of another disastrous or catastrophic event occurring somewhere. Floods, hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes and mass shootings have captured the headlines in recent months. Along with the loss of lives and personal belongings of every dimension, there is usually

extensive damage to buildings and the sudden disruption to everyday necessities including power, water and cell services.

The frequency, extent and unpredictability of these events should raise the question with all of us – are we prepared to deal with emergencies? From a facilities management perspective, we must be ready to respond, provide assistance and address the residual effects of many types of circumstances. In 2001, a CSX freight train carrying hazardous material through a Baltimore tunnel shut down the entire central business district for six days, including the Catholic Center, requiring temporary relocations. Then in 2011, a magnitude 5.8 earthquake startled Baltimore, causing sporadic damage – especially to towers and spires, but also included significant losses to the newly renovated basilica, making the building unserviceable. Both of these incidents could not have been anticipated.

Emergency or disaster planning for religious facilities requires well-thought-out exposures and carefully crafted procedures, typically involving the offices of insurance/risk management, IT, facilities and communications (for media/public relations), all in conjunction with key leadership. Guidelines need to be established for not only natural disasters, but unusual situations including bomb threats, utility disruption and structural failures. Each exposure requires an action plan identifying a contact/chain-of-command list, team manager, step-by-step procedures and resources for response.

If you do not already have an emergency plan in place, now is the time to start. Eventually, a large portion of responsibility falls into your hands, and that is not the time to begin planning!

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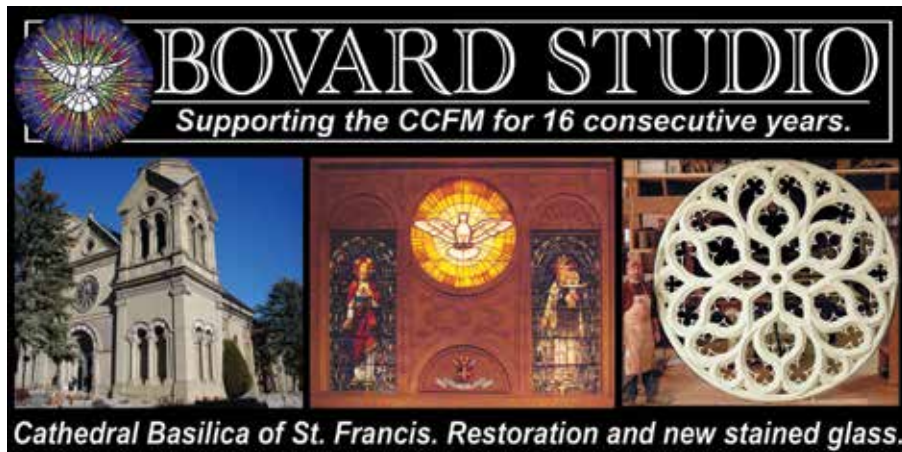
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



BOB PALISCH

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And so it begins! The CCFM board held its fall meeting October 12 and 13 in the host city for our 2018 conference: Austin, Texas! What a beautiful location we have for our annual conference – Austin, a city known for music, barbecue and much more. As you fellow CCFM members enjoy the weather in your respective cities, you can rest assured that the board is busy working out details, deciding on educational tracks, working with the hotel and completing many of the duties that keep everything on schedule for next April's conference.

We were joined in our meeting by CCFM member Patrick Baker, director of facilities and planning for the Austin Diocese, who will be our gracious host for the conference. During our brief visit, we got a whirlwind introduction and a quick sampling of what Austin has to offer. The conference venue is on the Colorado River, or as they call it in Austin, the Lady Bird Johnson Lake, directly across from the bustling downtown area and as close to the Bat Bridge as you can get. Yes – Bat Bridge! Under the Congress Bridge is the largest urban bat colony in the world, apparently quite a site to see as the sun starts to set and 1.5 million bats take to the skies. Just one of many things to do and sites to see as we come together and visit Austin.

Miami will be a tough act to follow, but remember – everything is bigger in Texas. I'm confident that you will leave Austin with more knowledge about your jobs, some new friends, and the satisfaction that CCFM has provided its members with yet another successful conference. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF TERRA COTTA ROOF TILE

Rob Wehr, VP of Business Development and National Accounts, Ludowici

Architectural terra cotta is prized not only for its beauty, but also for its durability. Unlike other roofing materials, most terra cotta roofs are very low maintenance. Below is a checklist that will ensure your tile roof stays in tip-top shape for decades to come:

Installation

- Use knowledgeable installers who have experience with tile roofs. This will ensure the tile is installed correctly and provide the longevity associated with a top-quality terra cotta roof.
- Make sure the tile is installed with fasteners that have a similar lifespan to the tiles. Ludowici recommends using stainless steel screws or copper nails, as both materials offer the longevity to match the 75-plus-year lifespan of their tiles.
- Dust and debris should be wiped from tiles during installation. Field-cut tiles should be dipped in water and wiped clean to remove dust and debris from the cutting/notching process prior to installation.

Maintenance

- Remove branches and debris from roof as necessary. Do not let debris accumulate for long periods of time. Valleys and crickets are specific areas to watch.
- Depending on the tile's surface, use a stiff brush or broom to sweep debris and light dirt from tile as necessary.
- Dirt, algae or moss growing on the surface of clay tiles are not affecting the condition of the tiles, but may be aesthetically displeasing. To keep your roof looking like new, a pressure washer may be used to clean the tiles as part of regular roof maintenance. Since roofs are slippery when wet, the work should be performed by a qualified roofing professional. The pressure washer should not be set above 1300 psi, as it can create surface wear. Diluted chlorine can be added to the water to help remove any algae that might be present. If you prefer to use a more environmentally friendly cleaner, Prosoco specializes in cleaning solutions for natural products such as clay roof tile.

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- Keep gutters clean and clear to avoid water backup and ice damming.

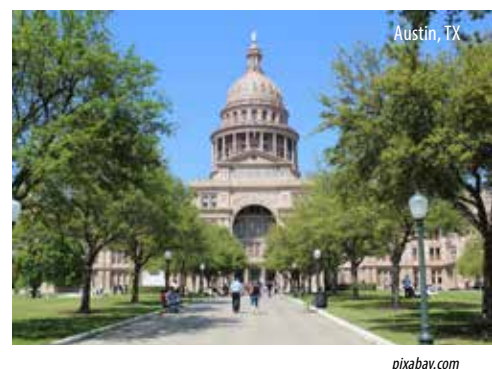
Repair

- Address any leaks or other underlayment structural issues as soon as you notice issues.
- Replace cracked or broken tile as soon as possible. If you need just a few historic roof tiles for a repair, Ludowici's Renovation QuickShip might be the answer. They have a unique Quick-Tach bracket that can be used to easily replace individual clay roof tiles. Visit [Ludowici.com](http://www.ludowici.com) for more information.
<http://www.ludowici.com/renovation-quickship/>
- For large repairs, always consult knowledgeable clay tile installers to ensure the structural integrity and beauty of your clay tile roof remains intact.

By following the simple steps above, your terra cotta tile roof should last a lifetime.

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COMMUNICATION CORNER

Mary Tichy, Associate Director

Transitions are painful. Transitioning homes, jobs, anything...it's not easy. Transitioning our website to a new server with MemberClicks has been no exception. MemberClicks is a great service provider established specifically for associations like ours. It will provide us with website hosting, on-line registration and payment, and better access to your online profiles. CCFM's goal is to house everything in one place and make sure that the information is as accurate as can be. Ultimately, serving you better!

That being said, transitions are painful. While we have had great success launching this new system, it's not been without its bumps and hiccups. I apologize if you were one of the ones who experienced problems. Less than 10 percent of our membership had problems, but that isn't very comforting for those who struggled to get the system to work for them. One of the reasons I feel so blessed to work for this organization is that everyone is so kind! I will continue working to improve your experience, and I have many more training sessions scheduled as I seek to learn all the features MemberClicks has to offer.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to send in your photos for the **3rd annual Calendar Photo Contest**. This year's theme is **steeple, spires and bell towers**. I have received several already, but want to see many more. Don't rule out your chances because you're not a photographer; most of the photos submitted are taken with a cell phone and emailed to me – and that works! You also can submit a photo that someone else took, as long as we give the photographer credit. So, take a picture of your parish's church steeple and send it to me with a short description. The communications committee will vote on the 12 best photos and the calendars will be available at the conference in Austin, Texas, in the spring.

As always, contact me anytime if you need something – mtichy@ccfm.net, and enjoy your fall.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

This is a perfect example of a steeple photo. Don't worry, I took the photo, and I can't play, so it's not a competition. This is St. George Catholic Church in Hermann, Missouri; if I were eligible to submit and this photo won, I would receive a \$50 VISA GIFT CARD.

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In August, Lou and Mary flew down to Orlando to exhibit at the LCWR (Leadership Conference for Women Religious) Conference. We currently have some 19 members that have signed up with CCFM from the LCWR conference and so far, have signed up 3 more from this years conference! It was rewarding to exhibit at the LCWR this year and have so many members stop by to say hello. *Pictured here is Executive Director, Lou Baird meeting someone new.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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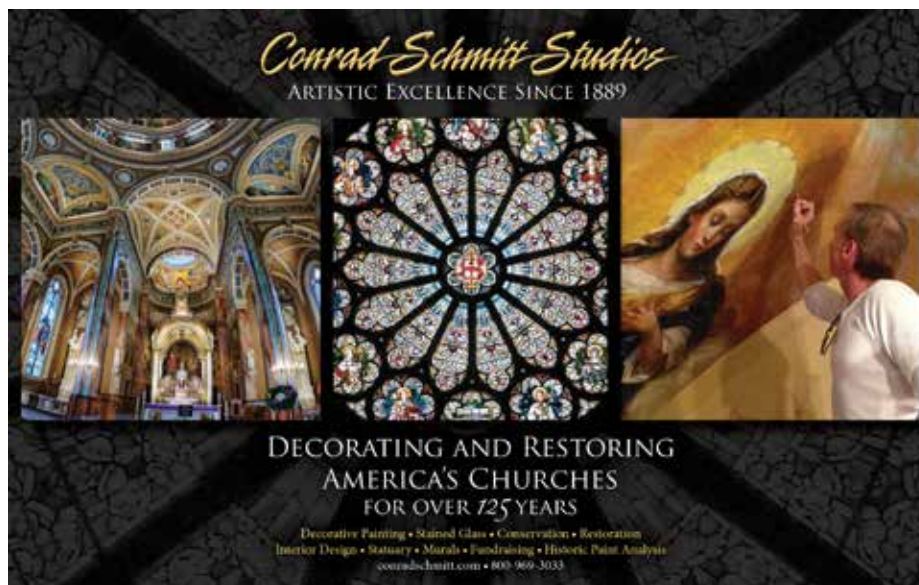
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In September, Lou and Rob Bennett, Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, exhibited at the DFMC conference in Baltimore. This was CCFM's first time exhibiting here and we loved it! Many relationships were made and two free conference registrations were given away! *In this photo, Executive Director, Lou Baird is visited by long-time member David Johnson from the Diocese of Oklahoma.*



Bob Palisch, Board President, and Mary exhibited for the first time at the RCRI (Resource for Catholic Religious Institutes) Conference in St. Louis. It was a great success! *Pictured here are Mary and member Sr. Ginger Downey with Our Lady of Victories who stopped by to say hello.*

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