

## A MESSAGE FROM THE Executive Director

As we turn the page for the new year, most of us reflect back on the year past for the good and challenging experiences and plan for the new year ahead with great expectations and commitments. For CCFM, we had a strong 2018 with growth in membership and another terrific conference in Austin, Texas. The offering of our first general session was a great success and will be repeated in Minneapolis with a follow-up topic.

Looking ahead for 2019, our primary goal is continued membership growth, particularly with Canadian dioceses, and pursuing new and improved communication measures to benefit both our regular and corporate members. Stay tuned for an upcoming announcement about a special purchasing program that will be offered to our full membership by Tarkett for their flooring products. Plans are in the works to conduct a webinar to introduce you to the program.

We are set for our 23rd annual conference with another strong program of educational sessions, an anticipated full exhibit hall with several new corporate members, and a warm reception from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Our general session this year is presented by a representative from DHS-FEMA talking about "Prevention and Preparation for Active Shooters." Also, we have added a new feature this year, a Welcome Reception on Tuesday evening for our regular members where you can re-connect with old friends and hopefully meet a few new. This event has been made possible by the sponsorship of Associated Crafts/Willet Hauser who will also be offering a complementary AIA accredited tour of their facility during the day on Tuesday for interested early arrivals. Details are in your registration brochure.

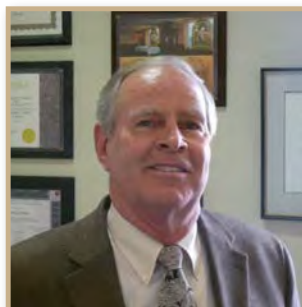


**ROGER HUGHES**

*Former CCFM Executive Director*

Let us know what we can do to better serve you and your needs. Consider getting involved in one of our committees or put your name in the ring as a candidate for the Board. The experience is truly rewarding and doesn't take much of your time. Send Mary or me your interests and we will follow up with you. Finally, as plans evolve for your various projects this year, remember to call on our corporate members for their services and products. **Hope to see you in Minneapolis!**

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**LOU BAIRD**

*CCFM Executive Director*

On a sad note, we learned in early January of the passing of our former executive director, Roger Hughes, who lost a battle with cancer in April, 2018. Roger was a God-send to us when he joined us in 2008 and took the ED reins after the sudden loss of Doug Cissel. Roger was instrumental in growing CCFM to new heights during his leadership while still holding a full time "volunteer" position with Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago. He "officially" retired from CCFM in 2013. For those of us who knew him, he was a dynamic and gracious gentleman who quickly befriended anyone he met. Please remember Roger and his family in your prayers.

[Click here for article on Roger Hughes.](#)

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## VISIT THE WEBSITE TO VIEW THESE RECORDED WEBINARS

[www.ccfm.net](http://www.ccfm.net)

- **Digitizing Your Cemeteries;**  
Offered by Plotbox
- **Building Science 101:  
Understanding Building  
Air Leakage;**  
Offered by Tremco
- **The Importance of Lighting;**  
Offered by GO+ Lighting

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

- **Introducing Purchasing  
Program with Tarkett Flooring/  
Four-part Series Panel Discussion  
on the Energy Efficiency Journey**  
Dates and times TBD

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# CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL –

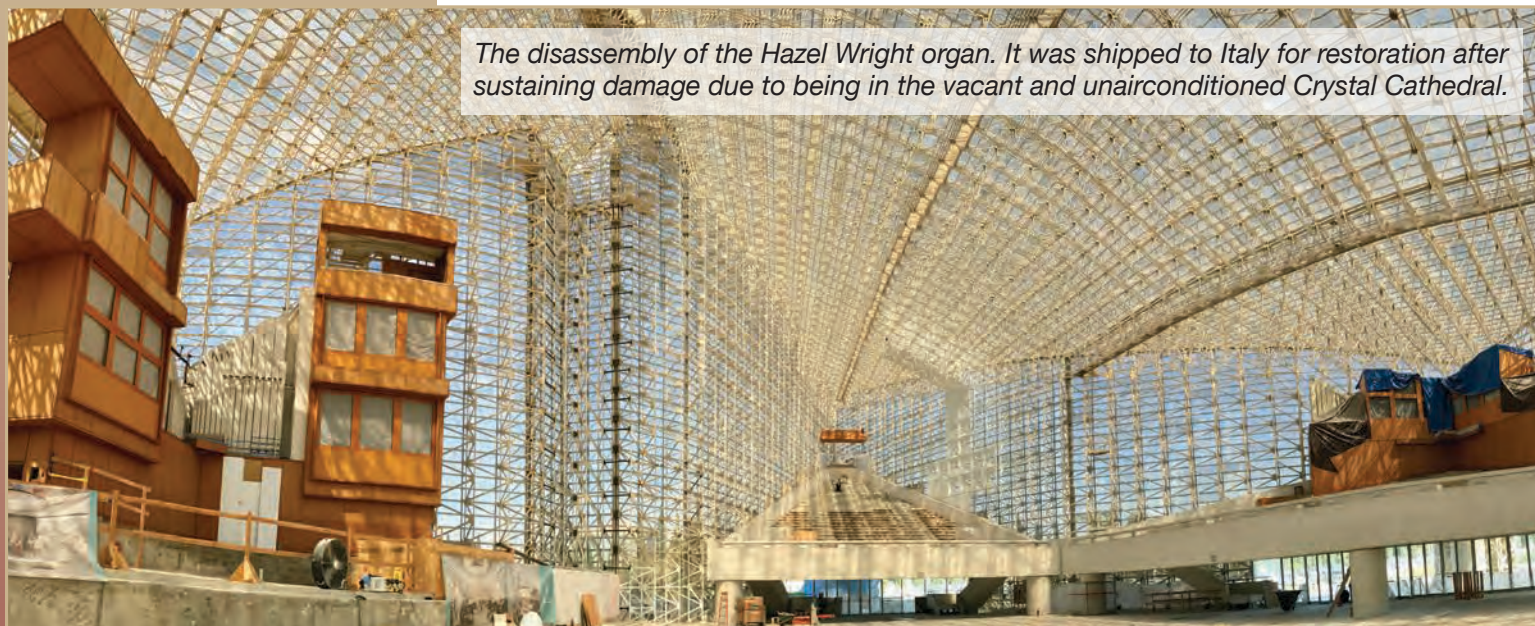
## CHRIST CATHEDRAL: A CONVERSION STORY

Submitted by: Diocese of Orange County, California; Joe Novoa, Director of Construction

We have all heard about the major renovation happening in the Diocese of Orange County. It began with the purchase of the Crystal Cathedral back in 2012. It is believed to be the first ever Protestant church converted to a Catholic place of worship. [Click here](#) to read an article about a very successful capital campaign that actually began before the decision was made to purchase the Crystal Cathedral, but has funded the large project.

Once underway, progress was quickly made. This [article](#) has a youtube video with it that shows the progress made in a year. It's important to understand that this new Christ Cathedral serves thousands of families and offers 12 masses on the weekend alone. Its completion is much anticipated after 7 long years of renovations to all the buildings on the campus. In June of 2018, Bishop Keith Vann declared a Year of Preparation for the area Catholics to observe. This year, leading up to the July 2019 dedication, is a year of grace and blessing set aside for spiritual reflection not unlike Advent or Lent. [Click here](#) to read more about the year-long celebration.

But if you really want an in-depth look at the Crystal Cathedral transformation, this [site](#) has all the history, all the articles, and all the videos following the project from beginning to its almost end. In fact, there is a countdown until the July 17, 2019 dedication! For sure don't miss the Hazel Wright Organ Installation [video](#)! You'll not only learn why they needed a police officer to shoot a gun inside the cathedral, but also about the fundraising for the organ's restoration and maintenance.



The disassembly of the Hazel Wright organ. It was shipped to Italy for restoration after sustaining damage due to being in the vacant and unairconditioned Crystal Cathedral.

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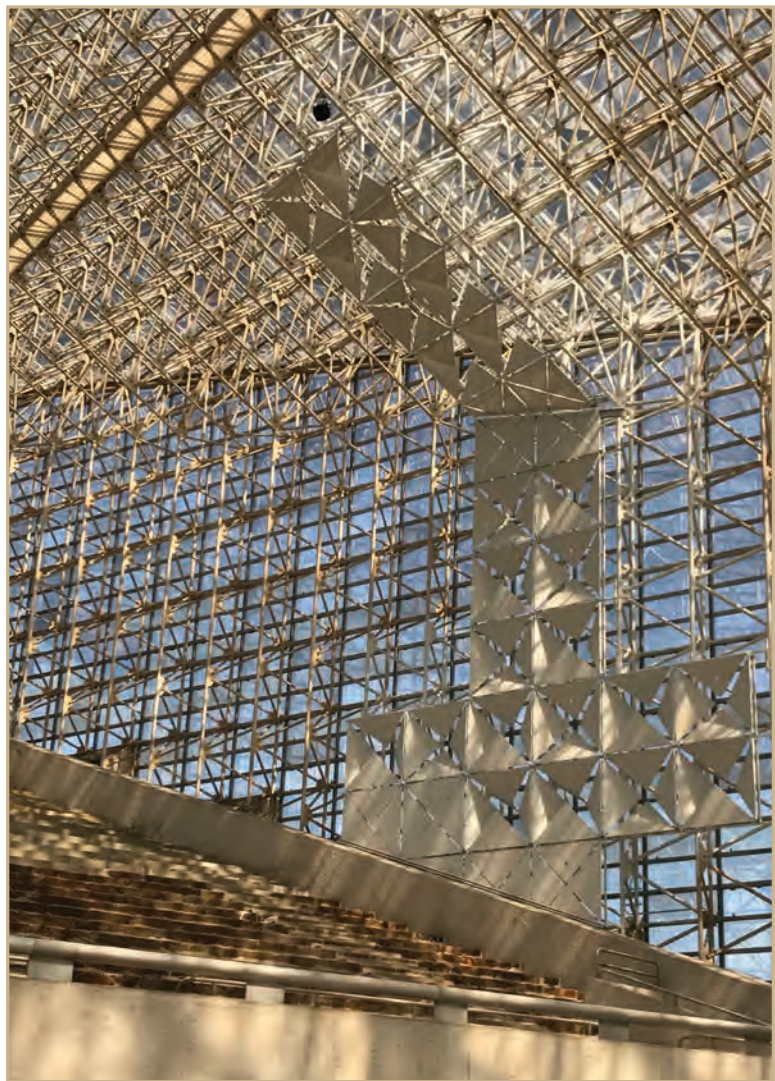
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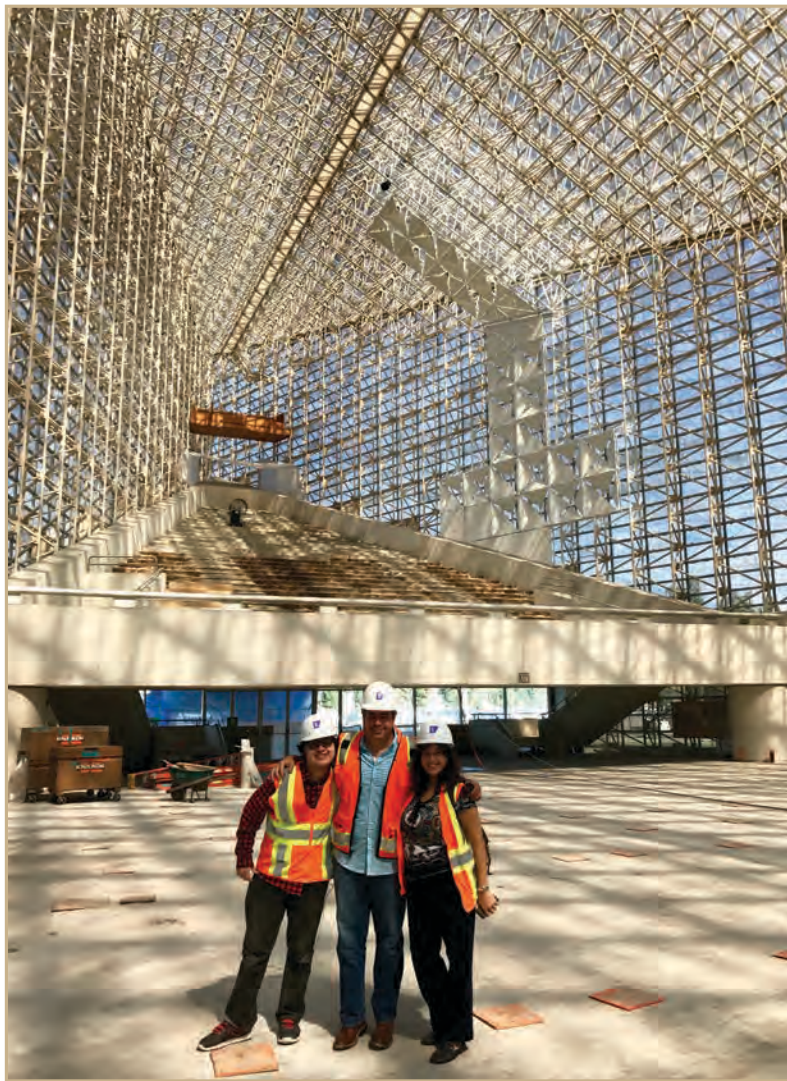
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But my favorite by far is this [video](#) in which Fr. Christopher Smith, Rector of Christ Cathedral, gives us a very comprehensive overview of the whole project. And yes, Fr. Smith said 44,000 square feet...on each level!

There is also a video following Bishop Vann in Italy as he looks at sacred artwork for the Cathedral so check them out and enjoy your virtual tour. Some of the photos accompanying this article are from David Prada, Archdiocese of Miami, who took his family on vacation to California. Knowing Joe through CCFM, he and his family got a tour of the cathedral; that's a member benefit for sure!



*Quatrefoils begin to be installed. These will help filter light, reflect sound, and insulate. They move to adjust for the time of day and conditions.*



*Dave Prada, his wife Elizabeth and their son, Jamie, visited California and got a tour of Crystal Cathedral from fellow CCFM member, Joe Novoa.*

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# APRIL SHOWERS BRING MORE THAN FLOWERS

Submitted by Jim Sardegna, DECRA Roofing with permission by Ann Langel , Grotto of the Redemption, West Bend, IA



*Grotto of the Redemption, South Bend, Iowa*



*Beautiful statue of Fr. Paul Matthias Dobberstein, builder of the Grotto.*



*The museum sustained no damage as it already had DECRA tiles on its roof.*

While we all find ourselves in the midst of winter, we know that spring is right around the corner and with it comes other weather problems. Last year, the Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, Iowa, was hit by a hail storm! The hail was the size of golf balls and did a lot of damage to both personal and commercial property. One thing is for sure, when you own buildings with clay tile roofing, a hail storm is bad news!

The Grotto was built back in the early 1900s and was the spiritual inspiration of Fr. Paul Matthias Dobberstein, a Franciscan priest from Germany. It's amazing to think that he and one other gentleman built it by themselves. [Click here to read more about the history of the Grotto.](#)

The damaged clay tile roof that you can see in the photos below, have now been replaced with the Metal Villa tiles from DECRA, a CCFM member since 2016. The tiles are lighter, stronger, energy efficient, and offer a significant cost savings while preserving the aesthetic appearance of the original clay tile. DECRA had previously re-roofed the museum, which you can see in the photo below, and that building came through the storm unscathed.

Each season carries its own set of blessings and problems. Don't forget to check out the Business Directory on the CCFM website when problems arise!



*Damage done by the hail storm of 2018.*



# NEWS FROM OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS



**MICHAEL BOVARD**

*Mid-West U.S.  
Sales Representative.*

## MOVING UP!

Michael Bovard has been promoted from Field Crew Manager to the new Mid-West U.S. Sales Representative. Michael's first job with his family's company, Bovard Studios, was in 1989 when, at age six, he was filmed making a stained glass window. The television ad for stained glass classes proclaimed, "If Mikey can do it, so can you!" Now, he serves the mid-west territory with his many years experience and expertise.

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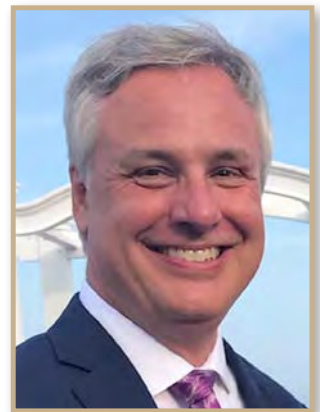
Contact Lou Baird, Executive Director, for sponsorship information. We also have conference opportunities still available.

Email [lbaird@ccfm.net](mailto:lbaird@ccfm.net).

## PLOTBOX WELCOMES RICK DAGENAIS

PlotBox is delighted to welcome Rick Dagenais to the team as vice president of sales, North America, an executive role based out of PlotBox's Boston location. He has over 25 years experience in legal technology, document management and accounting systems. Rick has held positions at LexisNexis, Ricoh Legal, Anaqua, and other technology leaders. For CCFM members, this means Rick will be your point of contact!

About his new position, Rick says, "It was an easy decision to join PlotBox. As a company, they're mature beyond their age, with the products and processes and team to deliver effective, high quality solutions to their customers. With an accelerating growth rate, there's a lot more to come in the near future and I'm glad to be a part of it." A huge welcome to Rick from Sean, Leona and everyone at PlotBox!



**RICK DAGENAIS**

*Vice President of Sales  
North America*

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## CONTINUED GROWTH

2018 was the 6th straight year of amazing growth and we are pleased to announce that we have been nominated for the **Best Places to Work in 2019**. Our continued success has led to the creation of some wonderful innovations that are available to serve our clients. We have also attracted more talent such as stained glass conservationist, Robert Lennox, and continued to enroll students into our famed apprenticeship program.

# SOLAR PANELS TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT



The Archdiocese of New York has piloted a renewable energy program in five of their parishes. Below are links to two great articles about the program. This was a direct response to Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si'*: Care for Our Common Home. The program, piloted in three Staten Island parishes and two parishes in Yonkers, is the installment of solar panels. Bishop O'Hara and Martin Susz are hopeful that this is just the beginning of changes and are eager to increase the program. [Click below take you to two articles written about the project.](#)

[Catholic NET TV Coverage](#)

[Catholic New York Newspaper Article](#)

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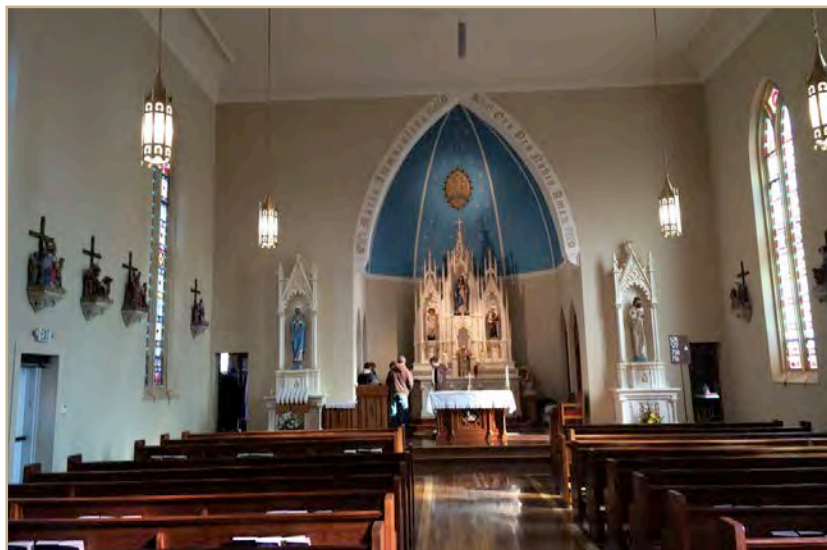
We need your photos! **12 LUCKY WINNERS WILL WIN A \$50.00 VISA GIFT CARD** when their photo is chosen for the 2020 CCFM Calendar. The **theme is altars** and as you can see by the photos below, under construction or repair works as well as completed altars. Send the photo to [mtichy@ccfm.net](mailto:mtichy@ccfm.net) as a .jpeg and give some information (name of church/chapel, anything unique) about the photo.



You can contribute photos of altars under construction or repair, as well as completed altars.



The photo above is ideal as the altar is the focal point of the photo.



This photo is less than ideal. It's beautiful but we want to see the altar close, not all the pews. It still might be voted in (the board and the communication committee vote on the top 12 photos), but it's less than ideal.

**HAPPY  
RETIREMENT  
to Richard  
Kolhoff,  
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St. Petersburg!**

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*Minneapolis, MN*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NFMT 2019

March 26-28, 2019  
Baltimore, Maryland

[www.nfmt.com/2019/dm](http://www.nfmt.com/2019/dm)

### DFMC - Diocesan Fiscal Management Conference

September 29-October 2, 2019  
Chicago, Illinois

[www.dfmconf.org](http://www.dfmconf.org)

### RCRI - Resource Center for Religious Institutes

September 30-October 4, 2019  
Dallas, Texas

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