

FROM BISHOP FOYS

My dear CCFM Members,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Who would ever have thought that we would live to see a pandemic overtake the world! And yet, here we are. These are uncharted waters for us and we can feel helpless and adrift as we make every attempt to steer the ship. Tossed by the waves of the unknown, we are asked questions that we never imagined and we look for answers to quell the storm.

Undoubtedly, there were enough projects to work on, to complete and to initiate before the storm that is the pandemic hit us. But now we are being challenged to come up with new ways of living, new ways of acting, even new ways of worshipping. More than ever, diocesan and parish staffs with your expertise and your experience are needed and invaluable. Safe-distancing has entered our vocabulary and is – and more than likely will be for some time to come – the norm. How do we do that? How do we rearrange our church seating, our social halls, our classrooms to achieve this new normal? In addition to restrooms – sanitizing pews, door handles, light switches, every surface possible, has now become part of our daily routine. What is the best way to do this? What are the best cleaning agents that will accomplish this? How do we keep people safe? How do we ensure the health and well-being of all those using our buildings? Daunting questions all!

Of course, we do not lose hope and we do not let ourselves be overcome by fear, anxiety or stress. We know that what we do serves a higher purpose. Although the many questions and situations posed might seem to be only practical – or in some cases, impractical – we know that the answers and solutions to the questions and heretofore unheard of situations are more than that. They are a response to something very important, because they involve ministry to the faithful and have a spiritual component to them. The buildings in which we worship, the schools in which our youth are taught, the parish halls where we gather for fellowship all serve a higher purpose.

During these challenging and sometimes frightening days, we turn as we always do to our faith. We ask the Lord to be with us, to give us the wisdom and the courage we need to make difficult decisions and provide sound advice. We rely on the gifts and talents the Lord has given us to build up the community of believers and to provide those we serve with hope and peace, even in the midst of these uncharted waters. We do not let the ship sink, but we provide a strong and steady hand as we carry out the mission we have been given. Now, perhaps more than ever before, we need your expertise and sound advice. We need your experience to see us through these rough waters. Never underestimate the importance of what you do!

Be strong. Be safe. Be faithful to the Lord! God bless you all!



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OFFICIAL CCFM PRAYER

O God, Creator of all things,
Who have commanded the human
race to bear the burden of labor,
grant that the work we do in sup-
porting our brothers and sisters in
the ministry of building
may bring progress in this life.

Bless the work of the Conference
for Catholic Facility Management
so that, together and by Your favor,
we may advance and build up the
Kingdom of Christ on Earth

We humbly ask all this in the name
of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with You in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

St. Joseph, Pray for us.

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Thank You for Voting!

With gratitude for his six years of service, including as Board President, we thank Bob Palisch.

We are happy to have Jo Ann Redmond and Martin Susz continue to serve with us and we welcome back, Jim Zielinski to the CCFM Board!

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Check the [website](#) frequently; AIA certified webinars will be added as they become available.

CURRENTLY SCHEDULED:

Roof Preservation: A Sustainable Option

0.5 GBCI Learning Unit

When: THURSDAY, JUNE 11 AT 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. CT

Presented by: Tremco, Inc., Peter Leiser and Sean Griswold

What Keeps You Up at Night? Real Estate Solutions in Challenging Markets

1 AIA Credit

When: TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. CT

Presented by: Counselors of Real Estate, Kathleen Rose and Brian Dolehide, and CCFM member Deacon Tom Croke

Repairing Existing and Historic Tile and Terrazzo

1 AIA Credit

When: TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. CT

Presented by: International Masonry Institute, Dave Sovinski and Case Weisdock

An Ancient Form Made New - Waterjet Fabrication Expands the Decoration of Religious Spaces

1 AIA Credit

When: THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. CT

Presented by: Creative Edge, Jim Belilove

Assessing and Budgeting for Exterior Building Maintenance & Evaluations; and Building a Facility Management Team and Data Base

When: TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. CT

Presented by: BE-CI, Gary Mitchell and Facility Tree, John Conlon

Hardwood Floor Investigations

1 AIA Credit

When: TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. CT

Presented by: Wiss Janney Elsner, Richard Kristie and Kevin Kalata

Effective Property Deodorization

COA - 1 Credit

When: TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2:00 P.M. (Duration is 90 minutes including Q&A)

Presented by: ServPro, Steve DeBlois

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HOPE IN THE AFTERMATH OF A HURRICANE

Written by Coral Martin, Coastal Reconstruction



On October 10th, 2018, Hurricane Michael made landfall at Mexico Beach, Florida as a category 5 storm with winds reaching up to 160 mph. The Coastal Reconstruction Disaster Response Team was working in North Carolina after the effects from Hurricane Florence. Scott McCurdy received a call from Rob Bennett, Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, asking to dispatch his team to assess and mitigate the damages to the Catholic Diocese of North West Florida. Scott McCurdy and Coral Martin arrived on October 12th to begin this process.

As a Disaster Response team, Coastal has been exposed to some of the worst storms in history. Whether it be a fire, flood, hurricane or tornado, the likelihood of our involvement with local businesses and buildings is very high. So, upon being dispatched to Hurricane Michael we assumed that this would be just like any other event to which we had been exposed to throughout the years.

Our teams started at St. John Church with Father Kevin McQuone. At this time during the storm there was not any power, most businesses were closed, and trees were everywhere. It was extremely difficult to get into and out of the city each day. A normal 1-hour drive to Destin may be 4-5 hours during this period. Homes and businesses were shredded, boats flipped, and more people were reported missing every day. I can remember hearing sirens for what felt like all day and night; your ears would continue to ring even while sleeping. St. John Church was not immune to this level of devastation. The school was absolutely destroyed. There was water, branches, dirt, insulation, and debris everywhere. Children's schoolbooks were tossed in the hallways. The contents of all the lockers were soaked beyond repair. It literally looked like a tornado had blown through the inside of the building. As we continued to assess the situation, the extreme damage became more evident.

Next, we went to St. Dominic Church with Father Mike and Father Luke. A tree had fallen through their rectory, they lost an entire building due to the roof being ripped off and had extensive damage throughout the property. Once again, the amount of damage and destruction found at this location, was unimaginable.

We continued to work through each property to assess and determine a plan of action with the priests, Rob Bennett and members of their respective parishes. The plan of action was extensive. The timetable for repairs seemed to be unobtainable, but we kept pushing forward!

That evening after the first day, we sat and reflected on what was going on. Our team wept. It was like nothing we had ever been a part of before. The destruction, loss of life, loss of property and more was just beyond what we had ever seen.

However, when we looked out onto the horizon that evening, we found some peace in one of God's creations... the sunset. Not only was it beautiful, it felt like a sign. With everything going on, with all the damage and destruction...God will still provide. It was our beacon of hope in a very somber time. In the end, we took on 11 properties and 42 buildings to mitigate, remediate and rebuild. By God's grace and strength to this date, about 18 months later, we have completed almost all of the 42 buildings.

In disaster restoration, the comforting thought we like to pass on to our clients is "it will get better from here." Any event, big or small, affects the people inside of that building. We at Coastal do not just want to repair the building, we want to bring back the spirit and hope that we leave a little piece of ourselves on every project. We put our heart on the line, do what it takes and get it done.

As we navigate through this new way of life...I think, once again, we must remember... that "it will get better from here." There are many moments of joy hidden in moments of despair and it is our job, as Christian members of our communities, to bring that joy to light.

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

In God's name we pray. Amen.



TRADITIONAL CHURCH ARCHITECTURE...Is ON THE RISE!

A few years ago, The New York Times published a feature in its Religion Journal that shared the new church building story of our customer, [St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas](#). St. Martin's made headlines when the congregation—one of the largest Episcopal churches in the USA—purposefully designed their new home utilizing traditional church architecture principles.

This design choice was not exactly in fashion at the time but has since spearheaded a movement in America and beyond to design new religious structures in centuries-old traditional architectural styles.

Today's post highlights some of the features that define traditional church architecture—or, more broadly, traditional religious architecture—and why people tend to respond to it positively. (Note: The St. Martin's Episcopal project was a massive success for that congregation.) We'll also take a closer look at three different [congregations](#) that we've worked with—including St. Martin's—who embraced traditional architecture in brand new buildings here in the 21st century.

Features of Traditional Church Architecture

Here at New Holland Church Furniture, we design [worship seating](#), [architectural woodwork](#), and more for a variety of religious traditions, including [Catholic and Liturgical](#), [Protestant](#), and [Jewish congregations](#). Each individual tradition grew throughout history with different needs from their physical meeting structures and worship spaces. As a result, each tradition has particular architectural styles associated with it.

For instance, [traditional Jewish synagogue architecture](#) does not technically have restrictions on form or style. You can find Gothic synagogues, oriental-style synagogues, and many more designs around the world.

Traditional church architecture, however, tends to have a lot of Gothic-style references. This is because Gothic architecture's purpose—from the time it was first [established as a style in 12th-century France](#)—has always been to reference God through a variety of physical forms.

These forms include things like:

- Sanctuary layouts featuring a “cruciform plan” that creates a cross shape.
- Architectural features like domes, tall stained glass windows, and graceful columns.
- [Straight pew seating](#) that faces a stage-like focal point—like a [pulpit/ambo](#), altar, etc.—at the front of the sanctuary space from which worship leaders address the congregation.

As quoted in that New York Times article we [linked above](#), the former rector of St. Martin's said, “if modern architecture is meant to be nonreferential, Gothic architecture's whole purpose is to reference God.” This quote perfectly explains why traditional church architecture has many Gothic-style elements. It also explains why worshippers appreciate this architectural style and feel drawn to churches that are now embracing it again.





Three Congregations That Have Embraced Traditional Religious Architecture

There are many examples of [new “traditional” churches being built today](#), and we have had the privilege of working with several prominent congregations who have designed and constructed these buildings. Here are three memorable projects that New Holland Church Furniture took part in. St. Martin’s Episcopal Church – Houston, Texas

Instead of simply enlarging the boxy 1950s-style home they had outgrown, [St. Martin’s](#) chose to model their design for a new church after Gothic-style European cathedrals from the 1200s. And, while this choice may not seem revolutionary, it actually was at the time.

A return to classical/traditional religious architecture designs represented a break from the modernist trend that had ruled in America since at least the end of WWII. Making the design decision that St. Martin’s went with represented a risk. However, their community had about 6,600 members attempting to worship in a space designed for 675 people! Something had to be done. In the end, their decision helped grow the congregation by thousands more in the years after they moved into their new home.

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TRADITIONAL CHURCH ARCHITECTURE *continued*



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church ~ Spartanburg, SC

A growing congregation that also embraced the spirit of [creative reuse](#), St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church built a new 12,000 square-foot parish church building that was dedicated in 2013.

Many classical design elements common in Gothic architecture are present in the new church building, including strong columns and arches. Reclaimed pew ends—about 140 years old—were [added to new pew bodies](#) to imbue a sense of history and tradition in the brand new building. After all, the congregation itself dates to the late 19th century and carries on a Catholic tradition in South Carolina that began in the 1780s.

St. Peter's Anglican Church ~ Tallahassee, Florida

Finished in 2014, St. Peter's constructed a [36,000 square-foot cathedral](#) that would not be out of place in the English countryside of the 1200s. It features a 100-foot bell tower, among other impressive elements of traditional church architecture.

New Holland Church Furniture designed, crafted, and installed many Gothic furniture pieces and architectural woodwork to [complete the congregation's new home](#), including reredos, altar and high altar [tables](#), pulpit and tester, [clergy chairs](#), pews, and much more.

Planning to Build a New Building with Traditional Church Architecture?

Here at New Holland Church Furniture, we are uniquely capable of designing worship furniture to fit any architectural style for religious and civic buildings. Whether you favor a traditional, modernist, or contemporary mixture of old and new, we have the expertise to help.

Explore our [Uniquely Custom Lookbook](#) to learn more about how [“custom is our normal”](#) and old-world craftsmanship, design expertise, and so much more inform everything we do. Or, if you're ready to get to work today, [contact us here at New Holland Church Furniture](#) to begin your project.

We Need YOU!

We are forming new Committees for the FY 2021 and we need members - both religious and corporate - to volunteer to serve. Committees meet once a month for an hour phone call.

Our committees are:

- Education
- Energy Efficiency & Environmental
- Member Relations
- Finance

A complete list and description of each committee is on the website under the “About Us” tab. Email info@ccfm.net if you are interested.

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Your kitchen with high-volume meal preparation, splattering grease, open flames and steaming food, is a hotbed for your employees to experience burns and scalds. As a matter of fact, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the food service industry has the highest incidence of heat burns of any employee sector. Now is the time to walk through your kitchen, identify burn risks and mitigate them.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BURN AND A SCALD?

Burns: In simplest terms, can be defined as damage to skin cells and tissue caused by fire, heat, electricity, chemicals, radiation, light or friction.

Scalds: A scald is caused when a portion of skin is exposed to a hot liquid or steam.

WORKPLACE BURN AND SCALD INJURIES CAN RESULT FROM CONTACT WITH:

- Hot liquids, steam, hot oil, and grease
- Deep fat fryers (this is the number one cause of kitchen burns)
- Hot utensils and cooking pots/pans
- Pressure cookers, coffee pots, toasters
- Hot dishwashers (open slowly; steam can scald)
- Hot substances such as food or sauces (your mouth can burn, too)
- Hot surfaces - stoves, grills, ovens and toaster ovens
- Fires from hot grease or oil
- Exposed electrical wires or improperly maintained electrical appliances or equipment

WHAT CAN YOUR EMPLOYEES DO TO PROTECT THEMSELVES?

- Wear long sleeve shirts and long pants when cooking.
- Make sure your potholders, gloves and mitts stay dry and use long gloves for deep ovens.
- Adjust burner flames to cover only the bottom of the pan. Use the right size burner for the size of pot or pan.
- Make sure pots and pans are not overfilled; boiling over pots and splattering grease can cause fires!
- Check hot food on stoves carefully. When working with stoves and ovens, always turn off the electric elements and gas flames of stove when they are not in use.
- Avoid steam - it can burn. Open lids away from you. Release the pressure safely before opening steam ovens and always face away from opening doors.
- Use caution when removing items from the microwave.
- Wear sturdy footwear that protects your feet; no open-toed footwear in the kitchen!
- Keep pot handles away from burners.
- Avoid letting hot water contact hot oil.

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NEVER:

- Leave hot oil unattended.
- Lean over pots of boiling liquids.
- Spill or pour water into hot oil.
- Allow pot handles or cooking utensils to stick out from counters or stove tops.
- Use metal containers, foil or utensils in microwave ovens.
- Allow oil to build up on cooking surfaces, pots and pans.
- Allow pan handles to be over another burner.

Burn injuries to your employees can result in tremendous pain and suffering, but can also lead to losses of time and money. You can help prevent burn injuries by increasing worker awareness and making burn safety a key part of job training.

IDENTIFY:

- Tasks or jobs that are high-risk in the kitchen area. Make sure to have the area clean and uncluttered with a fire extinguisher near and ready.
- Personnel who may be at higher-risk and provide training for them.
- Times of day when more injuries occur.

All industrial, community kitchens should ensure warning labels are in multiple languages for non-English speaking employees. Wherever possible, try to use unambiguous warning labels and easy to understand pictorial warning labels for non-readers on all hazardous kitchen equipment.

Sometimes, despite the best measures, a burn occurs. If this happens, an in-depth investigation of burn injuries and “near misses” should be conducted promptly to identify contributing factors and to obtain accurate information about the events leading to the incident. Information from these investigations can increase awareness of hazards and provide data for safety training.

The best method for prevention, is to increase employee awareness of the dangers of burns and scalds through thorough and ongoing safety training. Education is the best insurance against an accident!

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Church Restoration Proceeds Despite Covid-19

BELFOR Restoration sent information about a church that recently had a fire. So much has been impacted by the Coronavirus, but this church in Newburgh, Pennsylvania, moved forward with clean up and restoration with the help from Corporate Member, BELFOR. [Read the full article here.](#)

Check Out the CCFM Website for New Resources

COVID-19 Resources on the [website](#) will be continually updated as the situation changes, needs and new resources emerge. These resources are not member restricted - this is for your convenience; so that your facility managers in the field (parishes, retreat centers, etc) can easily access.

[ccfm.net](#)

SMITH BELL AND CLOCK SERVICE, a CCFM Corporate Member out of Indiana, has a short tutorial on bell maintenance. [Click here](#) to watch the 5 minute video.



Follow Us!

CCFM is on three different social media platforms. The more members follow, the more connected we will be.



CCFM member, Creative Edge Master Shop, maker of marble floors, has been helping out during the COVID crisis.

The company's waterjet facilities in Fairfield Iowa are now being used to make PPE for the frontline health care workers and the public: Face Shields, Face Masks and Hospital Gowns.

The face shields are provided to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics/ State of Iowa. Gowns and face masks are for Jefferson County Hospital and Health Center.



Creative Edge Founders, Jim (photo to left) and Ginger (photo above) Belllove, with gowns, shields and masks.



Fairfield Mayor Connie Boyer is wearing a newly sewn hospital gown.



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VOTIVE CANDLES SYSTEMS

What should you look for in a votive candle system? There are numerous options for votive candle systems. Votive candelabras when properly selected can add beauty, spiritual ambiance, and be a significant source of funding to a parish. As with any open flame, proper guidelines for handling, protection, the environment, and disposal must be considered.

Why Votive Candles Systems?

In Christian liturgy the candle points to Jesus Christ above all “the light of the world” (John 8,12). At the same time, it represents the immortal soul of man and is the symbol of the Holy Spirit. Many believers light a candle when they visit a church to express their faith, prayers and hopes, or the memory of a loved one. The tradition of lighting candles at Catholic churches is commonplace and adds a spiritual beauty to the atmosphere and maintains the intention of prayers. Candles, prayer, and the accompanying alms offering provide parishes a spiritual and monetary means to sustain the multiple missions of the parish.

What should you look for in a Votive Candle Candelabra?

The candelabra supports and holds the numerous votive candles. When selecting a votive candle candelabra, look for candles that are properly secured against tipping, dripping wax, and made from noncombustible materials. Care should be given to evaluating the structure. Often, open wrought iron candelabras have open spaces between the candles. Any stray dripping wax will end on the floor. The materials used in candelabra construction often add to its safety. The candelabra structure should be of a sturdy heavier gage steel construction to take the weight of the glass canisters and the candles. A properly designed candelabra will have a low center of gravity to avoid any tipping. Candelabra surfaces should be smooth with durable protective coatings. This aids in cleaning of any dust, dirt, or any dripped wax.



33-Piece St. Thomas Range Gold Unit

Are the candles clean burning?

Everyone loves the spiritual ambiance of a burning candle flame (as opposed to pushing a button for an electric one). Unfortunately, low quality candles emit tons of smoke and soot during their combustion. Over time this damages walls, ceilings, and art works often resulting in excessive cleaning bills. A votive candle and candelabra system should be designed and manufactured so that it is as smoke-free and soot-free as possible. Candles should be self-extinguishing, so wicks are not smoldering for many minutes after the flame is extinguished. A quality candle manufacturer will usually design and test their candles to minimize or eliminate smoke and soot. This is attained during the wax filtering and refining process that removes impurities from the paraffin and in the wick selection.

Is the votive candle system environmentally friendly?

The environment, our home planet earth, and God's gift is under constant threat from over-used landfills, excess carbon emissions, and plastics and other contaminants in our water. It makes sense to look at how a votive candle system can minimize these hazards. Disposable single use plastic, tin, and aluminum containers are used in many votive candle systems. Containing waxy residue, the plastic and other containers cannot be recycled, and tons of plastic are added to landfills. Unfortunately, some is dumped in our oceans. These systems are BAD for the environment. Glass is a safer alternative, especially if the containers are reusable. Unfortunately, many glass containers end up in a landfill after use. To cut down on waste, look at selecting glass (fireproof) votive candle containers that can be easily cleaned and reused.

Another factor is carbon, soot, smoke, and heat emissions. Candles are beautiful and a powerful enhancer for spiritual devotion. However, one must consider that a shorter burn time means less carbon and heat emissions while still providing a spiritual experience for the parishioner.

What maintenance and ongoing support will be required?

All votive candelabras will require some maintenance and support. Some tasks are just a normal requirement. For instance, it's recommended that cash boxes be emptied weekly. Indeed, some of the busier cathedrals, shrines and parishes will do this task daily. Make sure the cash box has a decent size cash box to hold the proceeds for the day.

If you are using large candles with disposable containers, they will require extra storage space and increased shipping costs. You also need to allocate time needed for the continuous restocking and delivery receiving as well as additional storage costs. After the candle has been consumed, thought should be given to the handling and disposal requirements. Should long burning candles be preferred, it is not uncommon to run out of spaces on the candelabra to hold them so capacity must be considered. At this point some visitors begin to make their own space on the candelabra, which is never good.

Is the Votive Candelabra mobile?

Some candelabra manufacturers provide heavy duty locking casters (wheels). The two major benefits are that the candelabra can be moved for cleaning underneath and can easily be moved to other areas of the church as needs change over the liturgical seasons or as required. Many votive candle systems can be deployed outside the church for feast days, fund-raisers and special occasions. Mobility is nice option for a candelabra that can make it a revenue generator.

Is the Cash Box Secure?

Votive candle systems normally have a donation box incorporated into the candelabra or separate box stationed nearby to accept cash donations. The donations are used to support the parish mission and to offset the cost of the candles. Unfortunately, there are times when these boxes are either stolen or damaged to access the cash receipts. Consideration must be given to the quality of the cash box. Is its heavy-duty gauge steel? Is there a tamper resistant lock? If a separate box, is it secured to a wall, the floor, or is it incorporated directly into candelabra?

Is the votive candle system safe?

Correctly designed, installed, and maintained a votive candle candelabra will be a safe system. Below are some commonsense guidelines for fire safety. Always adhere to local fire regulations and the advice of your insurer.

There are numerous votive systems on the market. The safer units should exhibit the following attributes:

1. The candles should be protected and snugly enclosed in the votive candle container made of tempered glass. Candles should be placed in double-insulated containers and secured by a sturdy noncombustible base/holder. Dripping wax should always be avoided. Candles should be self-extinguishing at the end of the burn time and not smoldering for long periods. Always use high quality candles of the best paraffin that generate minimal soot, which if accumulated can damage the church.
2. When placing a votive candle stand, a noncombustible material such as tile, stone, marble, or granite should be in place beneath the candle lighting/burning area. If candle stands are positioned over carpet, you should provide a fire-resistant mat.
3. Use quality candles purchased by a reputable candle manufacturer. They should be safe for unattended use and the paraffin wax be free of impurities. Provide a noncombustible container filled with sand to extinguish tapers or lighting sticks. Always make sure there is an appropriate dry chemical fire extinguisher nearby.



58-Piece St. Malachy Range Gold Unit

Will the votive candle be generating earnings for the church mission?

Most parishioners want and prefer the option of lighting votive candles (as opposed to push the button electrics). Usually, a voluntary amount or a set amount will be posted on the candelabra cash box. Some candles may be offered for sale at the parish office or gift shop.

In one example, a parish may have a couple of small candelabras and uses about 600 candles a week. This incorporates about three to four masses on a weekend and one daily during the week. If the parish pays \$.25 (twenty-five cents) for per candle and gets an average contribution of \$2.00 per candle, you could expect over \$50,000.00 in net profit in a year. At \$1.00 average, contributions would net over \$25,000.00. Purchasing, stocking, and cleaning a candelabra is a necessary expense in every parish. A healthy profit margin with capacity to burn as many candles as possible in the same space is essential to keep these costs down.

With the right system installed, the votive candle expense is relatively small compared to the expected contributions. This very significant revenue generated can support the parish mission and other ministries like no other program can.

Going forward:

If you are using a votive candle system, then you are aware of the potential for spiritual, environmental and financial benefits. If your system is older, be aware that there are newer, safer, more economical and better environmental systems on the market. If you are contemplating adding/upgrading a votive candle system to your parish, this is good starting checklist of desirable attributes.

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A good guideline for candle safety can be found at: <http://www.catholicmutual.org/Portals/0/Docs/Risk-Mgmt/CARES/Fire-Prevention/Candle-Safety.pdf>

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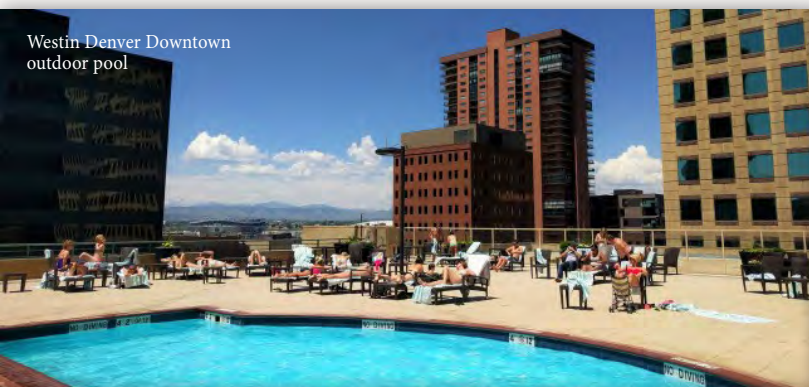
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April 11-14, 2021

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August 4-6, 2020, Buffalo, New York

Diocesan Fiscal Management Conference,
September 13-16, 2020, Denver, Colorado

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August 11-14, 2020, Dallas, Texas

Resource Center for Religious Institutes,
September 28-October 1, 2020, St. Louis, Missouri



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