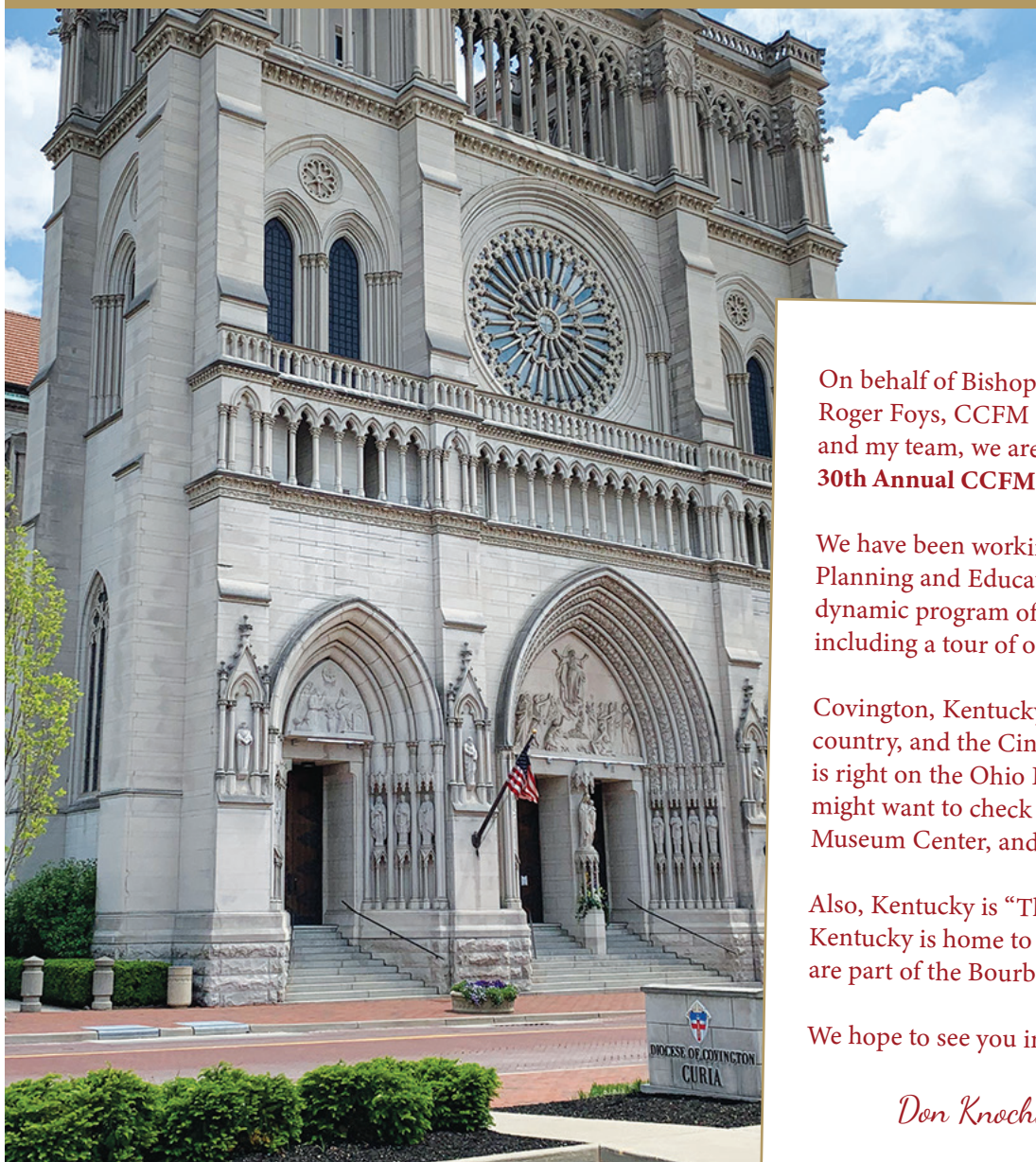


JOIN US IN HISTORIC COVINGTON, KENTUCKY! APRIL 27-30, 2025



CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT



*Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption
Diocese of Covington, Kentucky*

On behalf of Bishop John Iffert, Bishop Emeritus Roger Foys, CCFM Chaplain, Fr. Dan Schomaker, and my team, we are looking forward to hosting the **30th Annual CCFM Conference April 27-30th, 2025.**

We have been working with the CCFM Conference Planning and Education Committee to develop a dynamic program of educational sessions and tours including a tour of our historic Cathedral Basilica!

Covington, Kentucky is a beautiful part of the country, and the Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter is right on the Ohio River. If you have time, you might want to check out the Newport Aquarium, the Museum Center, and the Cincinnati Reds.

Also, Kentucky is "The Bourbon State" and Northern Kentucky is home to several fantastic restaurants that are part of the Bourbon Trail.

We hope to see you in April!

Don Knochelmann



30TH ANNUAL CCFM PRELIMINARY PROGRAM | 2025

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

*When planning your arrival, we will board the bus for Verdin Bell at 12:30 pm. The bus will return to the hotel for the evening events.**

Verdin Bell Company Factory Tour

We kick off the 30th annual conference with an AIA-accredited tour of the Verdin Bell Company, a world-renowned pioneer and innovator of cast bronze bells, carillons, clocks, and towers, and a supporter of CCFM.

Mass at St. Augustine Catholic Church | CCFM Chaplain, Fr. Dan Schomaker

Father Dan welcomes us to the renovated historic church in his 155-year-old parish.

Ministry of Facilities

New this year, this session will discuss how working for the Catholic Church in building and real estate is a form of ministry.

Welcome Reception

Reconnect with old friends and meet new ones at a reception in the Riverview Ballroom and Balcony overlooking the Ohio River. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments provided.

MONDAY, APRIL 28

Morning Mass in our Hotel Chapel

Keynote Breakfast | Jim Fortner, COO, Diocese of Covington, Kentucky



In his 28 years at Procter and Gamble, Deacon Jim Fortner served as the Senior Vice President of Global Business Services, CIO of Supply Chain and Research & Development, and Chief Information Technology Officer. He managed corporate facilities and P&G's acquisition and integration of Gillette.

In 2022, Bishop Iffert hired Deacon Jim to be the COO of the diocese helping with day-to-day operations as well as strategic planning and execution. Jim now uses his skills in business transformation, strategy and operations in service of the Church. Deacon Jim understands well the ministry of facilities.

Monday Sessions:

- Master Planning and the Art of Consensus Building
- Restored in Christ – St. Mary Basilica of the Assumption Historic Preservation
- Unlocking the Power of a Comprehensive Facility Assessment
- General Session: Understanding Your Contract Choices

Regional Networking Lunch

For Religious Members only, this is a chance to share a relaxing meal with other CCFM members from your region.

Exhibit Hall Opening Reception

Food and beverage provided for our opening reception in the exhibit hall where you can visit with 55+ vendors who provide the products, services and resources to help you in your ministry.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Morning Mass & Tour of the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption

Our Episcopal Moderator, Bishop Emeritus Roger Foys, will guide us on a personal tour of this treasure of a Cathedral modeled after Notre Dame in Paris. We will then celebrate Mass together with Bishop Foys, Bishop John Iffert, and CCFM Chaplain, Fr. Dan Schomaker.

Exhibit Hall Open | Breakfast and Lunch

Tuesday is the day to explore new products and services from the 55 + vendors in our exhibit hall. Enjoy both breakfast and lunch and get down to business!

Tuesday Sessions

- Using your Resources to Address Community Needs
- Security – Local FBI Share Successful Tactics
- Parish Consolidation and Unification
- Project Budgeting Tips from the Pros

Cocktail Reception & Banquet Dinner

Celebrate our time together as we review the past 30 years, honor member anniversaries, and award CBR Certificates for the first time!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Morning Mass in our Hotel Chapel

General Session: Canon Lawyer and Civil Lawyer Review your Cases

At this dynamic session a canon lawyer and a civil lawyer will candidly address your specific situations. Look for an email survey to submit your situations in February.

Final Tour & More to Come!

Final tour is still under construction! We are also seeking group seating at the Reds vs. Cardinals game on the evening of April 30. Details to come! Check the events tab at www.ccfm.net for the latest and greatest.