

# CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC FACILITY MANAGEMENT



Greetings!

CCFM's 31st annual conference will be held in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph April 26-29th, 2026. Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr. and my team are excited to welcome you to our town. We've been working with the dedicated Conference Planning and Education Committee to ensure a magnificent program which will include Masses at beautiful historic churches, and tours of purpose-driven facilities including a church that was recently renovated into the Catholic Charities' Serve & Lift Center. The educational program is robust and the food—especially the barbecue—will be great!

Kansas City, the largest city in Missouri, is located on the Missouri River and straddles the Kansas border. The "City of Fountains" boasts the most fountains in the United States with over 200 scattered throughout the metropolitan area, some of which date back to the late 1800's. Our city is also known for exquisite art museums, a strong jazz heritage and the country's best barbecue.

We are happily anticipating your arrival in April!

*Angela Laville*



**JOIN US IN  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
APRIL 26-29, 2026**

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the "Gold Dome" in Kansas City

## Keynote Speaker, John O'Leary



CCFM is pleased to welcome John O'Leary as our keynote speaker in 2026!

John was given less than a 1% chance to live after suffering burns on 100% of his body as a child. His remarkable survival story, first shared in *Overwhelming Odds*, now inspires 50,000+ people annually across 100+ events. John's emotional storytelling, unexpected humor, and authenticity consistently earn him the title "best speaker we've ever had."

His #1 national bestsellers *On Fire* and *In Awe* have sold over 200,000 copies and been translated into 12 languages. His top-rated "Live Inspired" Podcast has surpassed 2 million downloads. This fall, his extraordinary life hits theaters in the major motion picture, *Soul On Fire*. John's greatest passion? His wife, Beth, their four children, and living a life of purpose.

## Offsite Tour: Mission-Driven Facilities + Mass



We're touring two facilities to learn about the unique construction and use-case for each and the way their design drives their missions. Rockhurst University's new Alvin Brooks Center for Faith-Justice honors the longtime Kansas City civil rights leader and houses the University's essential faith-justice-related efforts including a chapel, University community engagement offices, and community meeting space.

Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph reimagined St. Matthew church, renovating it to become their main office and flagship Serve and Lift center. Their vision of "lifting people in need to the dignity of self-reliance, and encouraging others to help" is manifested through their welcome center, employment services, classrooms, food market, and offices in a facility where the former church's stained glass windows peek through here and there.

After the tours, the group will attend Mass at Mabee Chapel in the Alvin Brooks Center at Rockhurst.

Transportation is provided.



## Annunciation Catholic Church: Navigating the Aftermath

Randy Gray, Director of Safety, Security, and Facilities | Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis

Participants will gain a clear timeline of key moments of the tragic event at Annunciation Catholic Church and School. Hear how the church and school responded effectively, and learn how Minneapolis Police played an essential role. With a focus on God's providence in equipping the right people at the right time, the presentation underscores the value of a strong Crisis Response Team and the Archdiocese's commitment to supporting parishes and schools through the Security Managers Information Group. Ideal for church, school, and community leaders, this session offers practical guidance for crisis readiness, coordinated response, and long-term recovery.

Register today on the events page at [ccfm.net](https://ccfm.net)

Contact [info@ccfm.net](mailto:info@ccfm.net) or 314-792-7002 if you have questions about the conference.

# CCFM ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Program subject to change. Transportation provided for all off-site events. All sessions submitted for AIA accreditation. Visit our website for updates to the conference program. Chapel in the hotel open daily during the conference.

## Sunday, April 26, 2026

**Offsite Tour: Mission-Driven Facilities** | We're touring two facilities to learn about the unique uses for each and the way design drives their missions: Catholic Charities Serve and Lift Center and Rockhurst University Alvin Brooks Center for Faith-Justice.

**Mass** | Mabee Chapel, Rockhurst University

**Ministry of Facilities** | Discover how your work in building and real estate for the Catholic Church is a form of ministry.

**Welcome Reception** | Reconnect with old friends and meet new ones at a reception on the top floor of the hotel, providing great views of the city. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments provided.

## Monday, April 27, 2026

**Morning Mass** | In our Hotel Chapel

**Business Meeting and Keynote Breakfast with speaker John O'Leary**

**Guest/Spouse Activity** | A guided tour of the National World War I Memorial and Museum including the tower, lunch and service activity

### Monday Morning Breakout Sessions

FM Budgeting Part 2 – Preventive Maintenance, presented by CCFM member Kathy Powers

Canon Law - Your Questions Answered

Knowing and Safeguarding a Diocese Real Estate Patrimony, presented by Counselors of Real Estate

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

**Monday Afternoon Breakout Sessions** | Morning sessions repeat

**General Session** | AEDs Are Not All Created Equal. Join us for some hands on learning about the importance of getting the right AED for your situation.

**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.

**Afterglow and Games for Charity** | Reconnect at the end of the evening for refreshments. Make a donation to play the game "Left Center Right." All proceeds supporting a charity chosen by Bishop Johnston.

## Tuesday, April 28, 2026

**Morning Mass & Tour of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception** | After Mass with Bishop Johnston, tour the cathedral and the new Bishop Hogan Center.

**Exhibit Hall Open | Breakfast** | 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 Morning Breakout Sessions** | Sessions are presented twice on Tuesday morning.

Fire Codes and Safety - How to protect building occupants and keep the risk manager happy

St. Margaret of Scotland - The successful conversion of a multi-purpose building to a true Church. Presented by Fr. Adam Haake, HTK Architects and Jake Emery, Conrad Schmitt Studios

Breaking Habits that Bust the Budget

**Exhibit Hall Open | Lunch**

**Tuesday Afternoon Sessions** | Sessions are presented twice on Tuesday afternoon.

Project Management and Collaboration Technology presented by Ingenious Build

Diocese of Lexington - Creating a Path Towards Net Zero presented by Debbie Swisher, CFO of Diocese of Lexington

**Cocktail Reception & Banquet Dinner** | Celebrate our time together, honor members and award our CBR Certification graduates of the Class of 2026!

## Wednesday, April 29, 2026

**Morning Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows** | Followed by Brunch Buffet

**General Session** | Annunciation Catholic Church: Navigating the Aftermath

**SESSIONS END AT NOON ON WEDNESDAY; PLEASE PLAN YOUR TRAVEL ACCORDINGLY**

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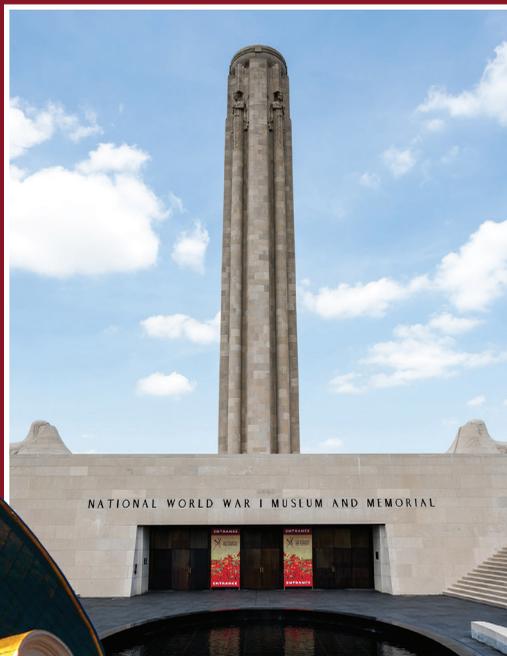
## World War I Museum and Memorial + Service Day

Guest/Spouse Tour | Monday, April 27, 10a.m. - 3p.m.

Become one of the over 2 million people, including presidents and movie stars, who have visited the National WWI Museum and Memorial. You'll experience a guided tour of the memorial tower and one of the most diverse collections of WWI artifacts in the world curated to share the stories of the Great War through the eyes of those who lived it.

Next we'll enjoy lunch at Thelma's Cafe, dedicated to serving great food and addressing the root causes of poverty as part of Reconciliation Services. After lunch we'll head to Uplift, a mobile street outreach for the homeless of Kansas City. We'll help organize their Sprinter vans with food, clothing, and other essential supplies taken to homeless communities three nights a week.

*Transportation, admission fees, and lunch are included in the guest registration fee for the conference.*



### Mass at the Church that Inspired Hallmark

Celebrate our final Mass together on Wednesday morning at the church that inspired the Hallmark Cards logo. Our Lady of Sorrows features a magnificent high altar, topped by two angels holding a crown over the head of a Marian statue. JC Hall, the founder of Hallmark, would often visit this beautiful nearby church for a moment of quiet reflection, and it's widely believed he took inspiration from the crown for Hallmark's iconic logo. The church is walkable from our hotel, and a shuttle will be provided for those with mobility issues.

## Going to Kansas City!

CCFM 2026 will be located at the Westin Crown Center in the heart of Kansas City. The Westin is steps away from the attractions at Union Station, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and the newly expanded, FREE streetcar that can take you to the Country Club Plaza shopping and restaurant district, the historic River Market and everywhere in between!

Book your rooms using the link on our website for special CCFM rates.



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# CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI | APRIL 26-29, 2026

Please use one registration form per participant. This form may be reproduced. For conference registration questions, please call (314) 792-7002. Online registration and the option to pay by card is available at [www.ccfm.net](http://www.ccfm.net). Your registration provides CCFM the authorization to use photos and videos of you and your registered group for promotional purposes.

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\*Only organizations who have paid their 2025 dues are eligible for member registration.

**Non-Member\* Registration - \$625**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Interested in becoming a Member? Contact the National Office at [info@ccfm.net](mailto:info@ccfm.net)

**Guest (Spouse or Non-Business Related Guest) - \$225**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Fee includes welcome reception, keynote breakfast, guest tour and banquet dinner.)

**Full Name of Spouse or Non-Business Related Guest** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

An RSVP request for individual tours and events will be emailed approximately two weeks prior to the conference.

Your response at that time will help CCFM plan for transportation and food and to steward our resources well.  
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