



# Ever consider forming a CUF chapter?

## Chapter Information

- **What is a CUF chapter?**

A chapter is a group of CUF members who strive to build up the local Church through prayer, doctrinal and spiritual formation, fellowship, and apostolic action.

- **Is there a CUF chapter in my area?**

Currently we have 85 active chapters (and chapters-in-formation) in 30 states in the United States alone—and the number is increasing.

- **How can I start a CUF chapter?**

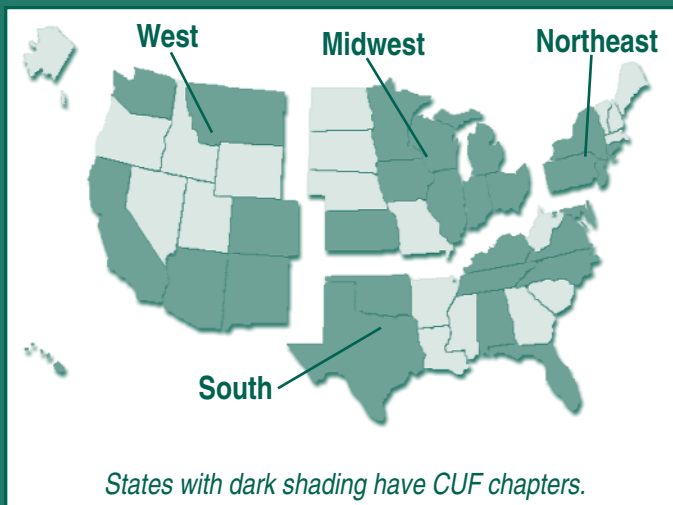
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## CUF CHAPTERS AT WORK

### Northeast

**Pittsburgh, PA.** Members of St. Francis de Sales Chapter have planned to celebrate the “Year of the Eucharist” by studying Pope John Paul II’s encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*. Chairman Cindy Russman writes that her cousin Msgr. Patrick Valdrinin, recently retired President of the Catholic University of Paris, was able to join chapter members for their first Eucharistic study hour. They also held a holy hour to pray for an increase in priestly and religious vocations.

**Fly Creek, NY.** Martha Wenner, Chairman of our St. Francis of Assisi Chapter, notes that many opportunities exist in local parishes for prayers of adoration and reparation for manifestations of the Culture of Death. The words of the Pope are especially stressed: “Let us take time to kneel before Jesus present in the Eucharist, in order to make reparation by our faith and love for the acts of carelessness and neglect, and even the insults which Our Savior must endure in many parts of the world.” The chapter newsletter lists indulgences provided by the Church each month. Members have responded with prayer and food, clothing, and money to assist a family in the Albany diocese in desperate straits. Help from their parish is limited, and access to social services is difficult because of rural long distances. Many of their friends abandoned them when the family became Catholic.

Other CUF members wishing to help this struggling family are encouraged to give encouragement and support (especially financial), by writing Chairman Martha Wenner, St. Francis of Assisi Chapter, 6379 State Hwy 28, Fly Creek, NY 13337, who will be pleased to forward your cards and any donations to the family.

### South

**Virginia Beach, VA.** Our Mary, Mother of the Church Chapter completed plans for the 15th annual chapter conference in Norfolk. Fr. Victor Warkulwiz, who has a doctorate in Physics, spoke on “The Truth of Creation as

Revealed in Sacred Scripture and Confirmed by Modern Science.” Fr. Matthew Habiger, who has for years served with Human Life International, addressed the subject “How is the Gospel of Life Part of the New Evangelization?”

**Covington, KY.** Members of St. Francis of Assisi Chapter heard a talk by Mother Therese Marie of the Franciscan Daughters of Mary. Her order was recently invited into the Diocese to work in the pro-life movement and among the poor. When members learned that a local jewelry store had a chalice and monstrance for sale, they rescued them by purchasing them, and when the chalice was restored, it was given to the chapter’s spiritual director, Fr. Paul Berschied. Members are accepting donations to help restore the monstrance. One recent chapter newsletter featured a reprint of the outstanding pastoral letter by Bishop Joseph F. Martino “Practicing Chastity in an Unchaste Age.” Another newsletter reprinted excerpts from an article which presents the sordid facts concerning sex researcher Alfred Kinsey, regarded as the architect of the sexual revolution of the 1960’s. A reprint of an article by Catholic convert Joseph Pearce on Hilaire Belloc brings attention to the manner in which history is distorted by the enemies of the Church whom Belloc combated.

**Tampa, FL.** Chairman Colleen Murray of Our Lady of Life Chapter informs us that members are approaching the first anniversary of their founding. They have been able to complete a study of the section on prayer in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and had canon lawyer Pete Vere give a talk on the Rosary and contraception. They also heard Tom Nash speak on his new book *Worthy is the Lamb*. Members were able to meet CUF president Leon Suprenant and his wife Maureen when they visited the area to complete arrangements for the adoption of a newborn baby boy, Raymond. Members have devoted much time and energy to rally Catholics to understand

the implications of the Terri Schiavo case and have provided updates to readers on the facts of the legal process concerning her.

**Newark, DE.** The newsletter of Our Lady of Peace Chapter attracts attention to the film “Kinsey,” which fails to identify the famous sex researcher as himself a sadomasochistic bisexual who worked to justify homosexuality and promiscuity. Chapter members expressed their gratitude to Fr. John Conmy for his dedicated support to many lay apostolates.

They also heard an address on “Saints in the Catholic Church” by Fr. Roberto Balducelli who refuted the claim that Vatican II downplayed devotion to the saints. He noted that the actions of Pope John Paul II in adding saints and blessed across the globe dispelled such claims. The chapter is fortunate to have heard Fr. Joseph Kandathiparampil explain the history of “Christianity in the East.” The chapter is mourning the recent loss of Thomas O’Malley, husband of chapter secretary Betty O’Malley.

## Midwest

**Columbus, IN.** Members of Abba, Father Chapter continue to cooperate with the organization STOPP to expose the activities of Planned Parenthood in their area, and join in demonstrations before their headquarters in Columbus. Chapter secretary Eileen Hartman wrote that members helped publicize and participate in STOPP’s honoring Augustinian priest Fr. Denis Wilde of “Priests for Life,” who celebrated Mass and gave a pro-life piano concert.

**Essexville, MI.** Bonnie Harmon of our Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapter writes that the CUF chapter and the Blue Army have planned to host a luncheon to welcome Saginaw’s new bishop, the Most Reverend Robert Carlson. Concern was expressed by members that Planned Parenthood is setting up an office in Saginaw’s public schools.

**Milwaukee, WI.** Our St. Gregory VII Chapter held its annual Msgr. Alphonse Popek Birthday Dinner in honor of this holy priest who was the chapter’s spiritual director until his death in 1986. The chapter newsletter notes the Catholic events in the area, including a Day of Recollection conducted by Fr. Paul Maslach, O.F.M., pastor of Sacred Heart Croatian parish. It also reprinted a provocative article by Philip Lawler in the *Catholic World Report* (November 2004) that comments on the ominous doctrinal fissures occurring among Catholics as a result of spreading dissent. He points out that, as “the fissures within Catholicism grow deeper,” there arises the question whether some within the Church continue to share in its visible unity. He concludes, “Let us pray that during this Year of the Eucharist, the Holy See can help us to resolve disputes on what it means to share Communion.”

**New Richmond, WI.** Members of Christ the King Chapter recently heard a talk by Deacon Randal Kasel, who is soon to be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis. He gave a very inter-

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## Oceania

**New Zealand CUF.** A report from Melda Townsley, New Zealand CUF Director, notes how the CUF Chapters in Wellington and Auckland have been a voice of protest, opposition, and constructive advice to proposed legislative changes affecting prostitution, civil unions (homosexual and heterosexual), and other secularizing measures. “Our most potent weapon in this Godless State,” she writes, “is prayer, and we have not been neglecting this in our chapters.” In Wellington the chapter has had a variety of speakers, topics, and videos. CUF members have set up “reading chains” for the circulation of orthodox religious periodicals so that all members can read publications other than those to which they subscribe. When *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship received a poor and negative reception by certain circles in New Zealand, CUF-NZ’s national conference wrote and distributed a timely “Statement of Concern.”

esting talk on “The Holy Spirit.” They were saddened by the death of Fr. Ryan Erickson who had made many presentations to the chapter and edified all by his love for God and for souls. The chapter newsletter provides an excellent commentary on the virtue of obedience, which in our time is often undervalued if not outrightly derided.

**Mundelein, IL.** Colleen Sheehan of our Blessed John XXIII Chapter writes that members heard Fr. C. Frank Phillips, C.R., pastor of St. John Cantius church in Chicago, who gave an inspiring address on “Restoring the Sacred.” Members also heard Susan Tassone, author of various devotional works on purgatory, speak on “Remembering the Holy Souls.” She reminded members that too often the faithful forget that by praying and making sacrifices for the Holy Souls they have the power and privilege to shorten their suffering in purgatory. Author of various publications on the Eucharist, Joan Carter McHugh, spoke on her personal journey to Christ and her chosen ministry to spread love of the Eucharist to everyone.

**St. Paul, MN.** Members of St. Thomas More Chapter recently held an evening of recollection with Fr. James Livingston, who discussed “Fears and Attachments” which hinder growth in holiness. Members of the chapter have helped publicize a series of talks on the Holy Eucharist. They also mourn the loss of a dear friend, Mary Conway, who for years was refreshment chairman.

**Green Bay, WI.** Members of Our Lady of Good Hope Chapter recently heard Fr. Shannon Collins of the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy give a parish retreat entitled, “O Sacrament Most Holy,” on the newest documents of the Church dealing with the Holy Eucharist. The chapter extended congratulations to Fr. Chad Everts, recently ordained for the Institute of Christ the King. Patrick Delaney, M.A., addressed members on “Catholic Voting: A Challenge to the Consensus.” A point-by-point refutation of the stated positions of the dissenting organization “Call to Action” was also provided.

**Ames, IA.** We welcome the new Veritas Chapter. The chapter secretary, Judy Maly, writes us that members have been studying CUF materials, including a discussion on the FAITH FACT, “Human Suffering: Why Does God Permit It?” Members also participated in the celebration of World Marriage Day at St. John’s Basilica in Des Moines wherein marriage vows were renewed. Future meetings envision participation at special parish services, viewing tapes by Fr. John Corapi, and engaging in pro-life activities.

**Dayton, OH.** Chairman Mike Goetz writes that members had CUF president Leon Suprenant as speaker. Also, to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist, they plan to go to Alabama to visit the Eucharistic Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament and attend the taping of some EWTN programs. Members hope to promote the “incredible resource of EWTN” among Catholics and get sound Catholic materials into people’s hands. They also plan to continue to pray for priestly vocations and for the sanctification of families.

**Atwater, OH.** We also welcome another new chapter, Our Lady of the Most Holy Eucharist, whose chairman is

Stephen M. Marchand. He notes the group’s commitment to pray for priestly and religious vocations and to help foster strong Catholic families. As the name of this new chapter indicates, the expressed desire of chapter members is “to give everything over to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our life, sweetness, and hope, so that she may lead us and others to the face of Christ.”

**Faribault, MN.** Members of St. Peter the Rock Chapter continue their study of the biblical foundation for Catholic teachings, such as the Eucharist, the papacy, and the Sacrament of Penance. Chairman Dan Milbert also writes that, in addition to the regular CUF meetings, members are studying the Bible and Catechism. Chapter members have also begun a study of the spiritual life as expounded in the classic work *The Spiritual Life* by Fr. Alphonse Tanquary.

## West

**Phoenix, AZ.** Joe Haley, chairman of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Chapter, writes that members continue to be heavily involved with pro-life issues, and have raised funds for needy Catholic parishes in Russia and Ukraine. A recent meeting featured as speaker Sammy Butty, who addressed the problems of Christian minorities in Iraq. Kathleen Clark also spoke at a recent meeting, telling of her journey from Mormonism. Members were encouraged to attend a special day of penance and reparation in a local parish, a seminar on bringing family and friends back into the Church, and are completing plans for organizing a three-day-walk-pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Joseph of the Mountain in Yarnell.

**Tucson, AZ.** Chairman Mike Mohr of our St. Gianna Beretta Molla Chapter writes that a series of programs on the documents of Vatican II is being given by Fr. Bob Rankin of St. Melany Byzantine Church. It begins with the Sacred Liturgy followed by breakfast at the Church. Mr. Mohr further observed that “any ‘spirit of Vatican II’ that promotes secularism or dissent from Church teachings (a modern form of Protestantism) compromises the faith in an unfaithful attempt to modernize it.”

**San Jose, CA.** Members of Guardian of the Redeemer Chapter have begun their study and discussion of the Acts of the Apostles. Plans are being considered for co-hosting a major speaker as well as renewing members’ consecration to the CUF apostolate.

**Santa Rosa, CA.** Members of Blessed Sacrament Chapter held a potluck lunch to inaugurate its sixth year of existence and to discuss future plans. Chapter members also supported the appearance of Rita Marker, Director of the International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide.

**San Fernando, CA.** Gretchen Desautels of Credo Veritatem Chapter writes that members have been reading and discussing the Book of Job in the Old Testament.

**Aztec, NM.** Chairman Nicke Martinez writes that Light of Truth Chapter sponsored an inter-Christian “Lights for Life” prayer service, a half-hour candle-lighting service on the vigil of the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord to pray for the end of abortion and to make a statement to the local community that abortion is wrong. ■