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A LIVING HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

NEWSLETTER

Detail from *Nativity* by Camillo Procaccini (1596)

CMF CURO UPDATE, PRAYER REQUESTS AND YOUR STORIES

On the Feast of the Guardian Angels, October 2nd, CMF CURO was launched with a press conference luncheon at the National Press Club and a subsequent launch announcement at the Catholic Information Center in Washington, D.C. In the two months since our launch, the ministry has received an enormous outpouring of interest from individuals from all 50 states, Catholic and pro-life organizations, dioceses, and media outlets all over the country. It has been quite a journey and we are excited to be on this journey with you.

In the next few weeks, please send us any stories about how the CMF CURO ministry has helped you or your family live their faith in health care. Please also send us any prayer intentions you may have. We would like to share many of these stories and prayers intentions in our January newsletter. Please email your stories or prayer intentions to info@christmedicus.org.

Dear Members of CMF CURO,

During this beautiful Advent Season, we praise and thank God for the gift of life and for His love, mercy, healing, family, and friends. We also praise and thank God for CMF CURO, our new Catholic living health care ministry, and your decision to become a member of this community of Catholics seeking to actively live our faith in our health care. The CMF CURO ministry is totally dependent on God and our faithfulness to Him. We praise Him for the successful launch of the ministry on October 2nd. We know that this effort has come to fruition only because of the work of the Holy Spirit. It has been our joy to serve you all across the country who have inspired us with your desire to actively live your faith in Christ centered health care, share the medical and spiritual burdens of your brothers and sisters in the Lord, and advance the Gospel of Life.

The CMF CURO ministry is issuing this newsletter to members on a monthly basis in hopes of deepening our bonds as a Catholic community, fostering our prayer lives, encouraging our daily conversion towards the Lord, updating you on CMF CURO, and keeping you informed of current events affecting the Church, the unborn, health care, the poor, and our religious liberty.

With the recent Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we are reminded of the wonderful gift that the Lord gave to us in sending Mary, the Blessed Mother of Jesus, and our Mother who watches over us,

prays for us, shows us the way, and always directs us back to Christ the King. We praise God for Our Mother, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Queen of the Angels. For those of you who have been consecrated to the Blessed Mother, we encourage you to renew it this month.

This Christmas, a recent homily from the Holy Father reminds us to be focused, above all else, on the one true light of Jesus. Let us surrender to His love, let us embrace our weakness, let us be totally dependent on Him alone, and, in totally depending on Him who is love itself and truth itself, let us find true peace, true love, and true freedom – as St. Pope John Paul II reminds us – let us discover the Kingdom of God, and in doing so, let us find ourselves.

May God bless you, may our Blessed Mother and the saints pray for you, and may the Guardian Angels and Archangels protect you and your families this Christmas.

In the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we are praying for you.

Merry Christmas!

Peace and Joy in the Lord.

THE CMF CURO Ministry Team

David, Mike, Michael, Chris, Dan, Kate, Nate, Matt, and Louis

**“DO NOT BE AFRAID; FOR
BEHOLD, I PROCLAIM TO
YOU GOOD NEWS”**

(8) Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. (9) The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. (10) The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. (11) For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. (12) And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” (13) And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: (14) “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

—Luke Chapter 2: 8-15

Prayer Intentions

This month, as the CMF CURO community, we encourage you to pray one memorare daily for the following intentions:

- the spiritual and physical needs of the Members of the ministry and those who serve the ministry,
- the healing, conversion, and flourishing of the world through the Holy Spirit,
- the conversion of fallen away family members, coworkers, friends, and acquaintances this Christmas,
- an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our American culture, particularly in health care,
- the protection of the unborn,
- the protection of the spiritually, physically, and materially impoverished,
- the protection of persecuted Christians, all religious minorities, and religious liberty,
- the Church and her obedience to the Holy Spirit, and
- Pope Francis’ intentions.

Let us pray:

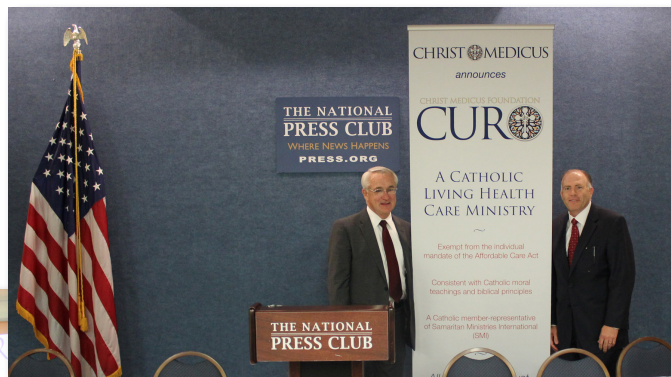
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Photos from the CMF CURO Launch Event



CMF CURO Co-Founder David E. Wilson speaks at the launch event at the Catholic Information Center in Washington, D.C.



Co-Founders Mike O'Dea and David E. Wilson announcing CMF CURO at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.



CMF CURO Director Louis Brown answers questions at the launch event.