

APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION  
with the  
Archconfraternity  
of  
Christian Mothers

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NATIONAL OFFICE  
of the  
ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS  
220 Thirty-seventh Street  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15201-9990

Phone: 412-683-2400

## ARCHCONFRATERNITY of CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The purpose of the Christian Mothers is the home-education, character formation and personality development of children guided primarily by mothers at home. Fathers are alerted to their responsibilities at combined meetings of fathers and mothers scheduled now and again each year.

The Confraternity is a school for mothers. Under the patronage of the Sorrowful Mother, members are sanctified and made aware of the dignity and responsibility of wifehood and motherhood. Through personal study, and by praying for themselves and their families, receiving Holy Communion, and discussing family problems, wives and mothers are urged to follow through at home on what is taught in Church, school and CCD.

At present there are six Archconfraternities of Christian Mothers in the world. The Christian Mothers were first organized in Lille, France in 1850 by a mother and her friends. The organization was brought to the United States by the Capuchin Friars and in 1881 the Confraternity of Christian Mothers of Our Lady of the Angels Parish (formerly St. Augustine), Pittsburgh, Pa., was raised to an Archconfraternity with the right of affiliating other such societies wherever an Ordinary grants permission. Since then more than 3400 Confraternities have been affiliated with the Pittsburgh Archconfraternity.

The organization is by parish Confraternities, though individual married or widowed Catholic women may join as isolated members linked directly with our Pittsburgh Archconfraternity.

The Christian Mothers are noted for their ideals of service and are a great aid to a pastor in the spiritual and material needs of a parish.

The Popes have enriched the Confraternity with many indulgences as listed in the *Manual for Directors and Officers* and in the *Conference Booklet*.

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N.B.—This application must be signed by the pastor and also by his Ordinary and returned to the National Office, 220 - 37th Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., whereupon the Diploma of Affiliation will be sent to the pastor. The requested offering for the Diploma is \$10.00. If the Diploma is to be framed by us there would be an additional charge of \$10.00.

## PETITION OF THE PASTOR TO THE ORDINARY

Your Excellency:

Because I have a strong desire to have the children of my parish trained at home in faith and good morals from the earliest years so that they may be a source of good in the parish and community, and because I am confident that this cannot be accomplished more surely than through an association of mothers, I ask for your permission to erect the Confraternity of Christian Mothers, under the patronage of the Sorrowful Mother, in the Church of \_\_\_\_\_.

I ask you to designate me and my successors as Director of this Confraternity with the faculty to delegate another priest.

My wish is to affiliate this Confraternity with the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers established in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the Parish of Our Lady of the Angels (formerly Saint Augustine), so that the members may share both graces and indulgences and also prayers and good works granted through affiliation.

Respectfully yours,

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

No. and Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

## PERMISSION OF THE ORDINARY

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinary \_\_\_\_\_



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