
ST. JOSEPH PATERNAL LEADER LISTING GUIDE

The willful placement of paternal leaders into our faith community is presented as an intentional effort to assist our pastors and priests with their laity. The goal of our paternal leaders is to become the innate resource for future generations of Catholics in navigating this chaotic world, while finding their way back to the faith.

Our deacons are our first line of interventionists who can step forward to fill these positions that will ultimately inspire other men of good will to follow in their lead. This effort is accomplished by adding a page to parish websites to offer bios, like Deacon Martin's below, which will serve well as a resource for our faith community to easily seek out someone who they might feel aligned with for spiritual guidance and ministerial assistance.

Our pastors are encouraged to inspire our lay congregation by personal invitation to fill this place of honor, in an effort to ignite the hearts of the fathers within their faith community that will ultimately ripple into our congregations as awareness grows. All laity candidates will first need to be properly formed to serve as paternal leaders, as proper alignment with Church teachings must be ensured. Each diocese can select and implement a Lay Ministry program to ready willing candidates. As this effort is carried through our congregations' lay ministries, the need will refine the process, as spiritual growth inevitably carries this effort forward.

This ministerial program is being placed into our faith community as a tool of reach, intended to become a resource that will innately be sought out by future generations of Catholics to help them in finding their way back to their Catholic faith. Our efforts will take hold of our children's will, and bear fruit, as our spiritual fathers intentionally share this awareness each St. Joseph Day as our children grow in their faith formation throughout their formative years. It will take the efforts of all fathers, spiritual and paternal alike, to lead well our future generations of Catholics, in measured out proper doses, to full understanding of the graces bestowed in the New Covenant teachings of the Mass and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Placement of this tool can offer men of good will a proactive step toward changing the worldly narrative that is casting doubt on these objective truths.

DEACON MARTIN RICART III



Rev. Mr. Martin Ricart III was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Bishop Peter Jugis on January 29th, 2011.

Married in 1997 to Milly Ricart, he remains a devoted husband and father of two teenaged sons. He provides for his family working as a Physician Assistant.

He and his wife moved to Charlotte in 1997 from Long Island, NY. and were parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas until, his ordination, when he was assigned by the Bishop to serve at St. James the Greater, in Concord. There he faithfully served, until he returned with his family in 2016 to St. Thomas Aquinas.

Deacon Martin's ministerial responsibilities have included Baptismal preparation, Marriage preparation, catechetical lectures, spiritual reflections, prayer services, daily and Sunday liturgy.

Deacon Martin is also named by the Bishop spiritual director/ chaplain for Catholic Scouting in the diocese.

Personal note: "I am honored and humbled to be asked to participate in the Paternal Leadership role."

Now more than ever it seems we have been immersed in a sea of chaos and strife. And our God, a God of structure and peace, calls his children, especially his sons to find themselves formed into the body of His only begotten Son, Jesus.

It is my desire to walk with you, to rely on you, as you rely on me to become the body of Christ; and by God's grace help build and be the building blocks that make up the kingdom of God.

This is our calling. This is our purpose, to serve each other as we serve our neighbors.

Therefore, by the intercession of Mary and Joseph, may we also be inspired to follow their example of faithfulness and willingness to allow God's will to permeate their souls; we to may act in like manner for the praise and Glory of God.

Yours in the service of Christ,

Deacon Martin Ricart III

FRAMEWORK:

This framework is presented as a guideline to be applied in order to bring consistency to the application of this effort, and to set parameters, of good measure, for its use.

- Designated email address for each paternal leader should be created. Suggested email address should begin with the initials of pl for paternal leader followed by the person's name and ending with the initials of the parish assigned:

Ex: Deacon Martin Ricart, St Thomas Aquinas, Charlotte, NC

pldcnmartinstacltnc@gmail.com

- In order for intent to be established, and accountability of the conversation to be held, initial interaction should be hosted by phone, on Church grounds or in a public area.
- Each PL should maintain a log with date, time, location and a discretionary notation of spiritual advice and resources offered.
- All conversations are to be held in confidence and in adherence to the governing state laws (e.g., child protection laws, etc).
- Each interaction with an adult (men and women, 18 or older) seeking spiritual guidance should begin with prayer. The Fraternity of St. Joseph prayer, and the intent behind it, should be considered.
- Visit STACharlotte.com to view Deacon Martin PLL and resource documents.

NOTE: It is suggested that all paternal leaders consider consecration to St. Joseph as a first step in becoming a paternal leader.

Visit The Fraternity of St. Joseph Men's Group at FSJJourneyman.com to view all of the resource documents, which are intentionally placed into our Catholic faith community to ignite the will of virtuous men to shoulder up and fight the good fight. It will take all fathers, spiritual and physical alike, to reclaim the sanctity of the family. We should all want to be "another Joseph."