

Vision Statement

Catholic men of all ages band together, fortified by the practices of their faith, as they journey through life's trials, leading their families toward salvation, and passing on the deposit of faith to future generations, while transforming their parishes and communities in the process.

Mission Statement

The Fraternity of St. Joseph mission is to build up a band of brothers, journeymen of all ages, in the just model of St. Joseph, who strengthen each other through fellowship, prayer, the Holy Mass, and the sacraments.

Key Precepts

1- Make Act of Consecration to the Holy Family

It is the work of the fraternity to move its journeymen from the status of "In Good Standing" to "Consecrated" to expose them to the richness of our Catholic faith, experienced firsthand in the process of consecration. As Catholic men, we are taught to place our families first. In this awareness, and through the just model of St. Joseph, we are encouraged to first consecrate ourselves to Mother Mary, then to St. Joseph, as they both lead us to Jesus in our consecration to the Holy Family.

2- Uphold the Authority of the Priesthood

It is the work of the fraternity to bridge the gap between the pulpit and the pew. Before we can intentionally lead, we must first humbly follow. As journeymen of St. Joseph, we need to place authority back on our altars, in the hands of our priests, our sacramental Eucharistic face of God. If we don't place authority back on our altars, then we won't receive it at our kitchen tables.

3- Develop Paternal Leaders within Parishes

It is the work of the fraternity to identify Catholic men of virtue who will become the innate resource for future generations of Catholic men trying to find their way back to the faith while navigating this chaotic world. Our deacons are the first line of interventionists who can step forward to fill these positions, ultimately inspiring other men of goodwill to follow their lead. All laity candidates will need to be properly formed to serve as paternal leaders, as alignment with Church teachings must be ensured.

4- Defend Life from Conception to Natural Death

It is the work of the fraternity to bear witness to Jesus Christ and His Word, to defend the most vulnerable among us, to transform hardened hearts, and to expose the abortion industry's exploitation of women and families. The fraternity provides guidance and resources to assist the laity on pro-life advocacy, including conducting prayerful Rosary vigils at abortion facilities.

5- Lead Annual St. Joseph Novena & Commit to Recitation of Fraternity Prayers

It is the work of the fraternity to lead its parish in praying an annual St. Joseph Novena that begins March 10th and ends March 18th, the eve of the Feast of St. Joseph. In addition, daily recitation of the FSJ Band of Brothers Prayer, Family Devotional Binding Prayer, and Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, are strongly encouraged for Journeymen of Joseph. All fathers, spiritual and paternal alike, should submit to turning to St. Joseph for intercessional prayer as they meet life's trials in their own vocations. We should all want to be another Joseph!

6- Participate in Fraternity Meetings

It is the work of the fraternity to foster a lived fellowship among its members, where growth in moral posture and family values is the footing. In keeping with its code of conduct, the fraternity is committed to forming steadfast, faith-filled men who hold themselves and each other accountable to their families and the communities around them that they will ultimately transform. We cannot do this journey alone. As brothers, we are stronger when we are united in standing, working, and praying together. Iron sharpens iron!

7- Develop "Tools of Reach"

It is the work of the fraternity to develop web resources, printable materials, and other aids that help pastors, priests, deacons, and laity build up strong men in their knowledge of the Catholic faith. These "tools of reach" will help these men and future generations gain fortitude in using the fundamentals of their faith to navigate the challenges of reaching salvation for themselves and for the families they are accountable by God to lead.