

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS
OF THE
ST. JOSEPH SODALITY
OF
OUR LADY OF PURGATORY CHURCH

Following the Homily the Chaplain of the St. Joseph Sodality steps to the center of the entrance to the Altar and invites the President of the St. Joseph Sodality to join him. Turning to the President of the St. Joseph Sodality, he asks:

Cel: Are they any Parishioners of Our Lady of Purgatory Church who have expressed an interest in joining the St. Joseph Sodality as members?

Pres: Yes.

Cel: Have these Parishioners satisfied all of the requirements to become a member of the St. Joseph Sodality?

Pres: Yes.

Cel: Please call these Parishioners forward.

The President then announces the names of all of the individuals to be inducted as members of the St. Joseph Sodality. When a person's name is announced they come forward and stand before the center of the Main Altar. All of the individuals stand as a group until the last member has been inducted.

The President then steps aside and the Chaplain then stands before the first person to be inducted.

Cel: {Person's Name} have you expressed an interest in becoming a member of the St. Joseph Sodality?

New Member: Yes.

Cel: Why would you like to join the St. Joseph Sodality?

New Member: {explains the reason they would like to join}

Cel: Do you understand the responsibilities of being a member of the St. Joseph Sodality?

New Member: Yes.

Cel: Do you agree to recite the Daily Act of Consecration to St. Joseph, to attend the Monthly Devotion to St. Joseph and receive Communion as a Body, to attend meetings of the St. Joseph Sodality and to perform all the duties of a Member of the St. Joseph Sodality?

New Member: Yes.

The Chaplain then conducts the colloquy with each additional person who is being inducted as a new member. He then addresses all of the Inductees

Cel: Please recite the Act of Consecration to St. Joseph.

New Members: Venerable St. Joseph, head of the Holy Family, model of spiritual life, and Patron of a Happy Death, I dedicate myself to you and entrust myself to you. You shall be my father and I shall be your child; you shall be my help and protection and I shall be your servant; you shall be my leader and my guide and I shall walk under your protection without fear on the road to salvation. Obtain for me the graces I need so that I may be as God wants me to be. At your example I will be faithful in performing my duties, obedient in adversity, humble in success, accepting the will of God, and zealous in all that leads me to the glory of God. Be my Guardian as you were to Mary; watch over my steps as you watched over the steps of Jesus. And after watching over me in life, watch over us at the hour of my death. May your protection at that hour help me overcome the temptations of the devil. May I die as you did, in the hands of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

The Chaplain then places the St. Joseph Medal on each Inductee and gives them a St. Joseph Prayer Card and the St. Joseph Sodality Book of Devotions to Saint Joseph. The President gives them a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the St. Joseph Sodality.

Once the Chaplain has placed the St. Joseph Medal on each Inductee he then blesses all of the Inductees:

Cel: Through the intercession of Our Lady of Purgatory, and her spouse, Saint Joseph, may the Blessed Trinity bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

New Members: Amen.

The Liturgy now continues.

The foregoing ceremony was translated by Rev. George I. Saad in 1984 and has since been updated for language and colloquial usage.