

INSTALLATION & BLESSING OF OFFICERS
OF THE
ST. JOSEPH SODALITY
OF
OUR LADY OF PURGATORY CHURCH

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

Cel: Have the elections of Officers of the St. Joseph Sodality been held as required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the St. Joseph Sodality?

Pres: Yes.

Cel: Please announce the names of the newly elected Officers and the Offices to which they were elected.

The current President then announces the names of the newly elected Officers and the Offices to which they were elected. When a person's name is announced they come forward and stand before the center of the Main Altar with the President-Elect to the left, the Vice-President-Elect to her right, then the Treasurer-Elect to her right and finally the Secretary-Elect to her right.

The current President then steps aside and the Spiritual Advisor then stands before the President-Elect and asks:

Cel: Do you agree to serve as President of the St. Joseph Sodality?

Pres: Yes.

Cel: Do you understand that the position of President of the St. Joseph Sodality is one of service and that you will have the responsibility to lead by your actions and by your example encourage the members of the St. Joseph Sodality to be faithful to their duties as a member of the Sodality?

Pres: Yes.

The Spiritual Advisor then stands before the Vice-President-Elect and asks:

Cel: Do you agree to serve as Vice-President of the St. Joseph Sodality?

V.P.: Yes.

Cel: Do you understand that the position of Vice-President of the St. Joseph Sodality is also one of service and that you will have the responsibility of assisting the President in all actions that lead to the progress of the Sodality?

V.P.: Yes.

Cel: Do you agree to represent the President when she is absent and conduct meetings of the Sodality if the President is unable to do so and to insure that all members of the Sodality understand their responsibilities and duties?

V.P.: Yes.

The Spiritual Advisor then stands before the Treasurer-Elect and asks:

Cel: Do you agree to serve as Treasurer of the St. Joseph Sodality?

Treas: Yes.

Cel: Do you agree to faithfully and accurately maintain the financial records of the Sodality, collect the members' dues, and all kinds of donations?

Treas: Yes.

The Spiritual Advisor then stands before the Secretary and asks:

Cel: Do you agree to serve as Secretary of the St. Joseph Sodality?

Sec.: Yes.

Cel: Do you agree to record all of the proceedings of meetings, maintain the minutes of all meetings, and to maintain a register of the names, addresses, dates of enrollment and contact information for all members of the St. Joseph Sodality?

Sec. Yes.

The Spiritual Advisor then asks the Officers-Elect to raise their right hand and take the following Oath:

I (insert name), do solemnly state that I will faithfully execute the Office of (insert name of Office) of the St. Joseph Sodality to which I have been elected, and through the intercession of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family, Patron of the Universal Church and Patron of a Happy Death, pray to be faithful in performing my duties, obedient in adversity, humble in success and zealous in faith, love, mercy and all things that lead me to glory of God.

The Spiritual Advisor then raises his right hand and extends it over the Officers-Elect praying:

Cel: O Blessed Joseph, God's chosen one, teach us your love for God and intercede for our Officers-Elect that God may grant them the grace to be prudent, chaste, strong, obedient and faithful. And after watching over them in this life, watch over them at the hour of their death.

Cong: Amen

Cel: Through the intercession of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Mother of God and Diligent Protector of our Lord, may God bless you in the name of the Father +, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit +, the One God to Whom be glory forever.

Cong: Amen.

The Mass now continues and the Creed is omitted.

The foregoing ceremony was translated and dictated by Rev. George I. Saad in 1983 and has since been updated for language and colloquial usage.