



Missionarii Sancti Joannis Baptistae

Vox clamantis in deserto, parate viam Domini

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Saint Joseph & the Seminarian



SINCE ITS FOUNDATION as a religious community in formation, the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist have sought to build up Holy Mother Church through the preaching of parish missions and retreats throughout North America, as well as staffing two Traditional Latin Mass chapels in Northern Kentucky. In addition, the Missionaries continue to work towards building a grotto shrine in honor of Our Lady of

Lourdes in order that many people will come closer to Jesus through Mary. There is another work being done, however, that may be the most important one of all, namely, the training of our younger consecrated religious to be future traditional priests. We now have five men in seminary formation.

The word "seminary" comes from the Latin word *seminarium* meaning "seed bed". A seminary is a place where a vocation to the priesthood develops from the original germ that led the young man to enter the seminary, to its full growth on ordination day. We send all of our seminarians (currently four in all) to St. Philip Neri Seminary in Toronto, Ontario, where they have the Traditional Latin Mass everyday, as well as strong Thomistic philosophy and theology. Our holy founder, Fr. Jean Baptiste Rauzan, knew the importance of having good seminary formation. Fr. Rauzan once said that *love of study is a sign of a vocation to our community*. He also observed that: *The community should have learned men to guide her and aid her in discharging her different functions. Without them, she will not have in the eyes of the world that esteem and consideration necessary to the fulfillment of her vocation*. Despite the importance of academics, our founder also added that the community *will place more value on piety than on science and eloquence*.



In this month of March, it is important to remember that good St. Joseph is the universal patron of Holy Mother Church. As St. Joseph protected and provided for the Christ Child so long ago, so he continues to protect and provide for the Mystical Body of Christ, the Catholic Church, in all Her needs. We pray that the True Husband of Mary and the Foster Father of our dearest Lord will not only bring us future vocations, but will also bring all of our present seminarians to the Altar of God as good, holy, and traditional priests who will offer the Traditional Latin Mass and the ancient sacramental rituals of Rome. This is part of our patrimony and our liturgical charism.

Holy Mother Church has called on all baptized faithful to participate in the work of evangelization, emphasizing the fact that all must use their unique charisms to full effect. Our religious community has as one of its charisms the celebration of the Sacraments according to the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite. It is through this liturgical identity that the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist hope to carry out the work of spreading the fruits of redemption to souls in need. Although this community accepts, in principle, the validity and efficaciousness of the liturgical revisions enacted by Pope Paul VI, our work of restoration is brought about in actuality by offering the Traditional Latin Mass, Sacraments, Divine Office, and other rituals, in all their solemnity according to the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite.

Our students will devote at least two years to the study of philosophy and the related sciences. The course of theology should be at least four full years. Besides dogmatic and moral theology, the training should also include Sacred Scripture, Church History, Canon Law, Liturgy, Sacred Eloquence, and Sacred Music. The students should also be instructed in

Pastoral Theology in a practical way especially with reference to teaching catechism, hearing confessions, and assisting the dying.

If you donate to this appeal of the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist, then you will be investing in the future of the priesthood—and of the Church. Your generous support enables us to form more holy priests to bring the light of Christ into the darkness of this fallen world. Please consider assisting our religious community in training future traditional priests for Holy Mother Church. May God reward you!

St. Joseph, protector of Holy Church, pray for us! ❀

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL may be cited as a perfect servant of St. Joseph. He delighted in proposing him to his priests, as a most accomplished model of the clergy. He selected this glorious Patriarch as a patron of his seminaries, because, after having had the happiness of educating the Son of God, he would, without doubt, obtain for them particular graces during their Retreat, in preparation for the Sacred Ministry. St. Vincent congratulated the Superior of his Community in Genes, because he had appealed to the mediation of the Spouse of the Mother of God, in order to procure workmen filled with a holy zeal, and capable of cultivating the vineyard of the Lord, which was at that time overgrown with thorns and briars. He counseled him to say, or to have celebrated, during six months, a daily Mass in his honor, in a chapel which was dedicated to him. He recommended his missionaries to place themselves, in their apostolical journeys, under the protection of St. Joseph, and to employ all their knowledge and their industry, in inspiring the people whom they would evangelize, with an unbounded confidence in that faithful guardian of the Immaculate Mother of Jesus, being fully persuaded that we can do nothing more agreeable to Mary, than to extend the devotion offered to him, whom God has united to Him by bonds so close and so pure.—*Month of St. Joseph by Fr. Huguet, SM.*

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE our fourth annual MSJB benefit dinner to be held on June 22nd from 5:30 - 9:30 pm at the nearby Fort Mitchell Country Club. All present will also enjoy a live and edifying children's play on the apparitions of Lourdes, France, as well as other live, wholesome musical performances. See our website www.msjb.info for details as the date approaches.

Please join us in praying the Novena in honor of the great St. Joseph. An intention sheet is provided if you desire to unite your intentions with us before the holy Altar of God. We apologize for the lateness of this letter.



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The Missionaries of St. John the Baptist –or simply- MSJB

May God reward you!

The Missionaries of Saint John the Baptist (www.msjb.info)



ST. JOSEPH NOVENA (MARCH 10-18)

O GLORIOUS ST. JOSEPH, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to thee do we raise our hearts and hands to implore thy powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special intentions that have been committed to us.

O GUARDIAN OF THE WORD INCARNATE, we feel animated with confidence that thy prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the Throne of God.

(Then the following V. & R. are to be said seven times in honor of the seven joys and sorrows of St. Joseph.)

V. O glorious St. Joseph, through the love thou dost bear to Jesus Christ, and for the glory of His name,

R. Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

Let us pray.

O GLORIOUS ST. JOSEPH, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, and charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the Divine Will. Be my guide, father, and model through life, that I may merit to die as thou didst in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

St. Joseph, Friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us.

St. Joseph, Protector of Holy Church, pray for us.

WE REMAIN COMMITTED to building and erecting beautiful monuments to His Majesty and His Blessed Mother to edify the Church and Her pious faithful. In this time of decay and iconoclasm, we strive to instill hope in the faithful soul. And so we have finished placing a beautiful life size marble statue of Our Lady, Immaculate in Her Conception, on the church's roof. Soon we hope to hear from the Kentucky Court of Appeals in regard to our proposed Grotto, as the case has now been assigned. Here we present a local artists rendition of our proposed grotto using water color. *May God reward you for all you have done to make these beautiful things possible!*

