



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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Dear Parishioners,

With many of us sheltering-in-place as we safely ride out this pandemic, here is an opportunity to help St. Joseph the Worker, yourself, and your fellow parishioners from home. Although it will take little of your time and it will pay big dividends.


So much of what a parish is able to do depends on having accurate records that show exactly who we are. The last time we updated our census was approximately ten years ago. A lot happens in ten years. People move in and out of the parish, children are born, young adults leave home and sometimes return home to live with their parents. Multi-generational households are established or disbanded, and deaths occur. Or people may no longer consider themselves to be active parish members. Often these changes profoundly affect the functioning of our parish, but are not reported to the parish office.

An accurate census enables us to serve one another in faith. It is a guide to developing programs that benefit our unique population and to including everyone in the embrace of our welcoming environment. Knowing exactly who we are allows us to connect people with new ministries, and to provide a platform where people may share their skills and talents. It helps us reacquaint people with enriching social activities and keep everyone informed about parish events, news, and updates. For example, did you know that you could sign up to receive our weekly parish email each Thursday that lists all upcoming events starting that weekend? A current count also is essential to ensure that Diocesan calculations, such as for the Annual Catholic Services Appeal (ACSA) assessment, are based on accurate numbers.

I ask you to complete the enclosed form so we have an accurate, updated census. Even if you have previously registered with St. Joseph the Worker, please complete this new Census and Registration material to ensure your information is up-to-date in our database. Please include all members residing in the same household on the form. Finally, at the bottom of the form, please list any household members whom we should remove from our database.

Thank you for submitting your current information. It is so important that we have it. I appreciate your assistance.

Blessings,


Fr. John Nolan
Pastor

Member Information

First Name _____
Role _____
Date of Birth _____
Email _____
Ethnicity _____
First Language _____
Special Needs _____

Status at Parish _____
Nick Name _____
Gender M / F
MaidenName _____
Birth Place _____
Work Phone () - _____
Cell Phone () - _____
High School Grad Year _____

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