

Prayer Service Commemorating Religious Brothers Day

Religious Brother – Witnesses and Instruments of the Mystery of Communion

Reading:

From *Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church* (Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, 2015); Paragraph #6

Reader:

Religious Brothers ... reflect the essence of the Church, the mystery of communion. They keep alive the obligation of brotherhood as a confession of the Trinity.



The vocation of the Brother is part of the answer that God gives to the absence of brotherhood which is wounding the world today.

Litany & Prayer:

Presider:

Loving God, through the intercession of St. Joseph, the holy Religious Brothers, and all the saints, we pray that you strengthen our Brothers in their total gift of themselves to you, bless us with new vocations to the Salesian Brotherhood, and help us and the young people you entrust to us grow as your instruments of communion.

Reader:

St Joseph **All: pray for us**

St. André Bessette

St. John of God

St. Martin de Porres

Blessed Stephen Sandor

Blessed Brothers Martyrs of Spain

St. John Bosco

St. Gerard Majella

Blessed Edmund Rice

Venerable Simon Srugi

Blessed Artemides Zatti

Presider:

O God, we humbly ask you that by Saint Joseph's example, cherishing in our hearts the gift of love and communion given to us by your Son, we may be instruments of your communion, and thus respond to your call for us to be holy.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.

