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 Bosco
St. John of God                                 St. Gerard Majella
St. Martin de Porres                            Blessed Edmund Rice
Blessed Stephen Sandor                          Venerable Simon Srugi
Blessed Brothers Martyrs of Spain               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.