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Amen.

We recommend to your care, in a special way, our novices and aspirants. Increase their number, defend and protect them, so that from their youth they may be imbued with a genuine religious spirit. May our Congregation thus increase in the number of its members, but most of all may it grow and flourish through their holiness.

March 19th – Solemnity of St. Joseph

When God chooses someone for a specific service, He grants this person also special graces and gifts, in order to each may carry out that particular mission. It was eminent with St. Joseph, who was chosen to be the adoptive father of Jesus, and truly, the husband of the Virgin Mary. To him God entrusted the great mission to be the faithful and provident guardian of the two greatest treasures of the eternal Father: the Son of God and the Virgin Mary. The most important aspect of this is that St. Joseph, in his humility, dignity and silence, carried out his task with the maximum fidelity, deserving of God a brilliant prize in eternity.

Our holy Founder, St. Gaspar Bertoni, had great devotion to St. Joseph, and has chosen him, together with Mary, as Patrons of his Congregation. We hope all of us, as Stigmatine religious, come to see in him a model of humility, honesty, silence, commitment and fidelity, in meeting the commitments we have assumed with God.

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We pray you, together with your most pure spouse Mary to protect our Congregation by your holiness and virtues.

We recognize in you the most perfect model of devotion to Mary, Mother of our Savior.

We venerate your profound humility, your unshaken faith and your zeal in sacrificing yourself with simplicity to the service and defense of Christ's infancy.

We greet you, O glorious St. Joseph, most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary and guardian of the child Jesus.

BY THE STIGMATINE CONGREGATION

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph



Patron of the Church