



KEEP THE FAITH

an initiative of *The Josephites*

Financial Empowerment

Bringing educational programs to elevate the financial literacy and viability of all within our parishes:

- Offering fundraising classes tailored for priests, seminarians, and lay pastoral leaders, equipping them with essential skills to sustain and grow their ministries
- Providing seminarians and key lay leaders with training in church management
- Sponsoring pastoral leaders to attend an asset-based community development (ABCD) class

Supporting efforts to build strategic partnerships with community organizations, fostering greater engagement and resource development. Working with parishes to help maximize opportunities and develop programming suited to their specific needs.

Are there finance-related programs you'd like to see us bring to your parish community?

Christian Parenting

Supporting parents in sharing the faith with their children. Promoting faith-sharing among families, youth, and the community. We are awarding mini-grants for Ministry-in-Action Projects – or MAPs – to sponsor child- and family-centered programs and activities, which could be anything from field trips to providing homework help, hosting parents' night out, test-preparation classes, or social events.

Also supporting parishes by opening up church halls and grounds to provide vital "third places" for children, parents, and other community members to come and find connection; for instance, offering a safe place for youth to go after school and seniors to meet and share in community, perhaps even offering help with homework. We also encourage setting up virtual third places as well; for instance, for children to meet to pray in the morning before school as well as at day's end to develop peer-support networks that foster ongoing faith formation and connection.

We are looking for parents, youth, and other leaders who are interested in creating MAPs.

Nurturing Children

Helping children know and love God and grow in faith by strengthening worship and prayer practices to respect and centralize how children experience God and express their faith, such as through music, art, drama, storytelling, and hands-on worship aids. Acknowledging the importance of formative experiences in setting the course of lifelong Christian faith, we aspire to foster multigenerational connections that strengthen faith formation and build lasting support systems for parish children. We seek to explore creative ways to include children as active participants in intergenerational worship and to also thread the message of God's ever-present love throughout their daily lives. When our children fully participate in the mass, they stand in the midst of Grace. And the more we place them in the Way of grace through engagement in the language, movement, and sound of worship, the more opportunities for their souls to encounter the God of grace.

We aim to help you create spaces where children feel heard, valued, and empowered on their faith journeys.

Supporting your dreams for your church families with projects, such as skill-sharing events, book clubs, enhancement of community spaces including community gardens, and sponsoring of events for youth and families, such as field trips, family dinner night at the church, test prep, career day, youth social events, or budgeting workshops.

We need your help identifying people who have ideas, insights, and special talents to support these goals.

Set an appointment to assess your parish needs, through connect@josephite-sei.com.

Find a wealth of resources at thejosephites.org.

