



**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA**

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH 2021/2022**

**YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH COMPETITION**

### **Heart of a father**

St. Joseph, said the Pope, is an extraordinary figure, not because of any astonishing charisma or special status, but because he accomplished extraordinary acts of service in his daily life.

“God looks on the heart,” he said, “and in Saint Joseph He recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines.”

Vocations, he added, have the same goal of begetting and renewing the lives of others.

The priesthood and consecrated life, he said, require men and women with open hearts, who are “capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.”

### **Chasing a dream**

Pope Francis went on to focus on three key words which St. Joseph suggests for each individual’s vocation: *dream*, *service*, and *fidelity*.

The Gospel of Matthew recounts four dreams with which God inspired St. Joseph, each of which represented a difficult call from God.

“After each dream, Joseph had to change his plans and take a risk, sacrificing his own plans in order to follow the mysterious designs of God, whom he trusted completely.”

Though it seems strange to us that he would put so much trust in dreams, the Saint let himself be guided without hesitation.

“Why?” mused the Pope. “Because his heart was directed to God; it was already inclined towards Him. A small indication was enough for his watchful ‘inner ear’ to recognize God’s voice.”

God’s call to each of us, said Pope Francis, happens in the same way, without putting pressure on our freedom. “He does not overwhelm us with dazzling visions but quietly speaks in the depths of our heart, drawing near to us and speaking to us through our thoughts and feelings.”

Yet, as St. Joseph demonstrates, our acceptance of God’s call cannot be passive, but requires us to press forward and take risks by abandoning ourselves to grace.

## Photographs - Theme St Joseph.

### Photography-St Joseph

#### **1) Photographs with appropriate bible verse about St Joseph that best represents the St Joseph scene in your Photo.**

- St Joseph Stain Glass Window at your Parish Church, Or a Parish Church near you, Or at your local Cathedral.
- A statue of St Joseph at your Parish Church, Or a Parish Church near you, Or at your local Cathedral.
- A St Joseph Chapel at your Parish Church, Or a Parish Church near you, Or at your local Cathedral.
- A St Joseph Grotto at your Parish Church, Or a Parish Church near you, Or at your local Cathedral.

NB: Try and capture the best image possible of your subject, so that we can appreciate it. Take it during the day OR at night. Use your own or Parents or Siblings Phone, OR Camera, but ensure you get a good image. Submit as Png or Jpeg file please.

- State the name of the Church/Cathedral and its location.
- State Date Pics was taken
- Name of Phone used or Name of Digital Camera used.

### **Winners**

**Winner and runner up from each group will be chosen.**

### **Provinces should only send their winning entry please.**

*The competition is open to all young people:*

- 1) England/Wales School Year Groups: 4, 5 & 6. (8 to 11 years of age)Scotland School Year Groups; P4, P5 P6 & P7 (8 to 11 years of age).*
- 2) England/Wales School Year Groups: 7, 8 & 9, (say 11 to 14 years of age).Scotland School Year Groups: S1, S2 & S3, (say \*11 to 14 years of age).*
- 3) England/Wales School Year Groups: 10, 11, 12 & 13, (say 14 to 18 years of age).Scotland School Year Groups: S4, S5 & S6, (say 14 to 18 years of age).*

**Prizes – Winner £30.00. Runners up £20.00 Plus Certificate.**

## Photography-Crib

- Crib at your Parish Church, Or a Parish Church near you, Or at your local Cathedral.
- Crib at your School
- Crib in your Town or Town Centre
- Crib in your home

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- State the name of the Church/Cathedral and its location.
- State School name.
- State Town Centre.
- State if its home Crib ONLY.
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**\*\*Submission Date is Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022\*\***

**Brothers, we have some fantastic imagery in our Parish Churches, some with incredible Stain Glass Windows, Chaples, Statues, Grottos.**

**Brothers, we have seen some beautiful Cribs in Town Centres, In the Parish Churches in Brothers Homes recently posted on our various Facebook Pages. So we know they are there, now we need to encourage our Young People to take some Beautiful Pictures of these images and submit them.**

**Announce this at the Lectern at Mass, as well as send them into your Schools, send them to your Parish Groups, your Youth Clubs etc.**

With Prayers and Sincere and Fraternal Regards  
Michael Akinrele-Director of Youth and Young People