



THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

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Pone Familiam In Manus Patris

The Year of Outreach and Growth

Inspiring the Next Generation

Men of St. Joseph ("MOSJ") is no longer solely for adult men. Thanks to the vision and efforts of MOSJ Member and former MOSJ Board member **Art Walsh**, the first **Young Men of St. Joseph ("YMOSJ")** Chapter has officially been established. YMOSJ focuses on bringing the Gospel message to seventh and eighth grade male students, who one day will become the spiritual leaders of the next generation of families. Each YMOSJ meeting begins with a pancake breakfast and ends with a lively discussion on a Gospel passage. Similar to the format of MOSJ meetings, the students are invited to reflect on how the Gospel passage for the upcoming Sunday Mass resonates with them and to delve deeper into how that Gospel passage has relevance in their lives.

When asked what led him to found YMOSJ, Walsh pointed to his experience with MOSJ and how the Gospel discussions have played an instrumental role in his spiritual development and growth: "It occurred to me during one of our MOSJ meetings that what I learn about the Catholic Faith during

our MOSJ meetings is so much more meaningful and deeper than what I 'learned' about Catholic teaching in seventh and eighth grade at the elementary school that I attended. I thought to myself, 'Wouldn't it be great if I would have had a more robust understanding of our Catholic faith at that age?'"

YMOSJ has turned into a remarkable success story. According to Walsh, more than thirty students attend



YMOSJ Leader and pancake maker extraordinaire Art Walsh cooking breakfast before a YMOSJ meeting.



Art Walsh engaging in an interactive discussions with students on a Gospel reading

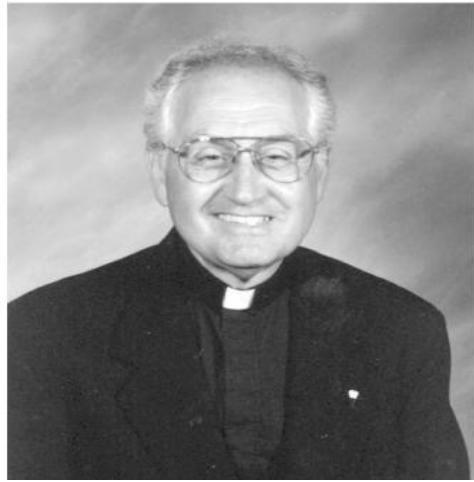
any given meeting, which represents approximately 80% of the boys in the 7th and 8th grade classes at the school. Reminiscing on the most rewarding aspect of having started YMOSJ, Walsh stated: "The coolest story is when these young men come up to me and say 'Hello' at Sunday Mass with a big smile on their face. It means they are still joyfully engaged in their Catholic Faith."

Walsh has created an information packet containing additional materials on YMOSJ. Please contact the MOSJ Board of Directors ("BoD") for a packet if you are interested in forming a YMOSJ Chapter at your parish.

**Please plan to attend our annual
Brotherhood Breakfast
December 6, 2025
St. Ignatius Parish • Mobile, Alabama**

**This year's featured speaker will be
Dr. John Czarnetzky, Dean of the
Ave Maria School of Law.**

MOSJ Take Steps to Establish First Prison-Based Chapter



Monsignor Charles Troncale, who has been pivotal in the push to allow for non-parish based Chapters in prisons.

Each January, the BoD adopts short-term (less than six months) and long-term (six months or more) goals for that year. This year, the BoD adopted as one of their long-term goals prioritizing outreach and growth. Coincidentally -- or perhaps providentially -- **Monsignor Charles Troncale**, the Chaplain at the federal prison at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, approached the BoD with a vision of starting a Chapter at the prison. Noting that there are twenty to thirty men who regularly attend Mass at the prison, Troncale explained that these men deal consistently with the guilt of not being at home to care for their wives and children. Inspired by this conversation, the BoD has reached out to the **Most Reverend Mark Rivotuso**, the Archbishop of Mobile, for assistance in amending the organization's statutes to allow for a Chapter in the federal prison, with a goal of having an operational prison Chapter in 2026.

Explaining why this would be a historic milestone for the organization, MOSJ Board member **Wes Cooke** stated, "The MOSJ's mission of putting the family in the hands of the Father has universal application. It applies to all fathers, regardless of their

status or background, who have a burning desire to deepen their Faith and to serve as the spiritual leaders of their families. By establishing a local Chapter in this prison, the members will be able to pray together and to encourage each other to be the spiritual leaders of their families upon their release."

MOSJ Eyes Social Media Evangelization

MOSJ is on the verge of something extraordinary. For years, MOSJ has operated exclusively by word of mouth, and its growth has been entirely organic.

Now, for the first time, the MOSJ is embracing — and harnessing — the full potential of digital media to reach men across the country, and eventually, across the world. The **Social Media and Marketing Committee** has developed a four-step, robust social media strategy to maximize outreach and growth efforts.

The first step — reestablishing a presence on social media — has already been completed. After years of silence online, MOSJ is once again active on Facebook and X (formerly Twitter), giving MOSJ a powerful new voice to reach men on their phones and in their feeds.

Step two, currently underway, is focused on building an audience. With consistent, uplifting content targeted at Catholic men and their families, MOSJ is laying the groundwork for large-scale evangelization and Chapter growth.

For the first time, the MOSJ budget includes line items for marketing and outreach — something that MOSJ Board member **Chris Teague** notes could dramatically accelerate growth: "This isn't just about advertising. This is about building momentum. With the right strategy, we could be reaching tens of thousands — even hundreds of thousands — of men and families over the next few years. This is a game-changer."

Looking ahead, the final two phases of the plan will introduce original MOSJ content (such as reflections, stories, and video), and incorporate a fundraising component to help Chapters grow and thrive. The goal is not just to have followers; it is to inspire men to lead, to pray, to serve, and to gather. As noted by MOSJ Board member **Jeff Galle**, "We're not guessing. We're following proven, time-tested practices to engage the next generation of Catholic men. Social media is one of the best tools we have to reach those who might never walk through the doors of a parish program — but who are searching for something deeper."



Website



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MOSJ Chapter Spotlight

St. Peter's Clonallon Chapter • Diocese in Dromore, Ireland



Members of the St. Peter's Clonallon Chapter of MOSJ standing in front of the Church.

a better understanding of the Gospel message through the Chapter's discussions, which leads me to try and live the Gospel in my daily life."

Member **Oliver Quinn** agreed with Seamus and added, "It is a great chance to grow in our Faith with other like-minded men in our local Parish." Finally, member **Jim Robertson** summed up the group's collective feeling on MOSJ when he stated, "I find that MOSJ is helpful as to how I pray. I only wish such meetings had been available to me when I was younger."

Blessed Sacrament Chapter • Diocese in Wintersville, Ohio

Reflecting on the founding of the Blessed Sacrament Chapter of MOSJ nearly ten years ago, Member **John DuBois** said, "I had no idea what God was going to do with our group. It has been amazing to see the growth of our group and how it has impacted our lives and the lives of those in our parish." The Chapter now holds Donut Sundays after Mass, which are very well attended, and has founded a golf league to recruit men to the Chapter.

Another Member, **Felix D. Velez Sr.**, had never previously joined a men's group before, so he was unsure what to expect when he started attending MOSJ meetings; however, "the fact is that I met some great guys and brotherly companions in Christ and it has had a great impact on me in my everyday life and especially in faith MOSJ has given me so much."

The origins of the St. Peter's Clonallon Chapter of the MOSJ can be traced back to a Covid conversation between **Hugh Carr** and **Cathal McAnulty**, where the two shared thoughts on being Catholics in Ireland twenty years into a new century. During this frank discussion, the two realized that they needed to pray more, and that they yearned to do so in the company of other men in the Parish. After speaking with **Fr. Jerome Day**, Carr and Cathal decided to form a local MOSJ Chapter. According to Carr, the Chapter now has eight men who attend meetings on a regular basis, although the Chapter recently lost a faithful member, **Eunan Crawford**. Carr says that their Chapter misses and remembers Eunan fondly, *ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis* ("May his faithful soul be at God's right hand").

Members offered a number of thoughtful responses when asked to reflect on what MOSJ has meant to them. Member **Seamus McVeigh** said, "I find that attending the weekly meetings is very rewarding spiritually. I now feel that I have

the Chapter's discussions, which leads me to try and live the Gospel in my daily life."



Members of the Blessed Sacrament Chapter of the MOSJ enjoying donuts together after Mass.

Happy Retirement

Although it traces its roots to 2007, MOSJ was not formally constituted until June 13, 2011, when the **Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi**, Archbishop of Mobile, signed a Decree establishing the organization as a private, lay association of the faithful. Archbishop Rodi continued to be a strong advocate for the MOSJ throughout his tenure as Archbishop. In March of 2024, after turning 75 years old, Archbishop Rodi submitted his letter of resignation to Pope Francis. Pope Leo XIV accepted Archbishop Rodi's resignation on July 1, 2025. Many thanks to Archbishop Emeritus Rodi for his role in the founding of our organization, as well as for his many years of guidance and support of the MOSJ. The MOSJ wishes you a very happy and fruitful retirement!

Chairman's Corner

2025 is turning out to be a very active year for the MOSJ!

We have added five new Chapters, and we recently expanded into our twenty-third state. We have also made significant strides in our outreach efforts. We are now inviting Chapter leaders to attend virtually at least one of our Board meetings during the year, and we are holding quarterly calls with Chapter leaders. (Any member can attend the quarterly calls. You may obtain the call-in number from your Chapter leader).

We also oversaw a successful annual appeal. **Thanks to the members' generosity, we exceeded our goal of \$30,000 and fully funded our annual budget** (copies of which can be obtained from your Chapter leader). With these funds, the Committees and our organization can fulfill their roles, responsibilities, and mission.



*Steve Beatty,
Chairman of the Board of
Directors and Executive Director*

It is an honor to serve as your Chairman of the BoD. This group is inspired by the Holy Spirit, and it has impacted me and my family in countless ways. Please reach out to me at Stephen_Beatty@bellsouth.net or (251) 447-3545, to share your thought and suggestions. We look forward to helping more men serve their families,

friends, and the Church through the MOSJ. I pray God blesses each of you. - Steve Beatty

Inaugural MOSJ Golf Tournament

The MOSJ hosted its inaugural MOSJ Golf Tournament and Fundraiser on October 9, 2025. Blessed with blue skies and Fall temperatures, the event turned out to be an overwhelming success story.

Sixteen teams participated, and there were a total of fourteen Gold and Event Sponsors and In-Kind Donors. The golfers enjoyed spending time together and discussing ways to improve local Chapter interaction and coordination.

The BoD encourages members to submit ideas for events that local MOSJ Chapters can sponsor. Don't forget that the MOSJ BoD may be able to assist you financially with such endeavors!



HOW
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HELP?

Volunteer for one or more of the following Committees:

- † Communications
- † Correspondence
- † Finance
- † Fundraising
- † Outback Advisory Board
- † Outreach and Growth
- † Social Media and Marketing
- † Strategic Planning

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