

Joseph's Workshop – Overall Plan

IV – Goals and Objectives

GOAL

Create an organization that works to encourage and support fathers to lead their sons to become strong, holy and moral husbands and fathers who will lead and protect.

BACKGROUND

Between 80 and 95 percent of our children are leaving the Catholic Church before they are 21. Adults are also leaving *en masse*. Our society is crumbling around us for lack of Christian morality in the public square.

Overwhelming complexity is causing much of today's mental health issues in young people. Practiced Christian Faith can help deal with it.

Most fathers are catechistically unprepared to lead their children. They are also unprepared to help their sons navigate the new technical and social media world we live in. And most are very busy with little extra time.

Our formal church authorities have not kept up to date with the problems and needs of our youth; Dwindling numbers of the ordained cannot effectively handle this growing and complex problem.

Fathers are the most effective in leading their sons, to a life of prayer, faith and church attendance. This is a primary parental responsibility.

INTENTIONS

Promote the lay apostolate idea. Familiarize the churches; the laity.

Locate qualified and available men to form a dynamic organization that will put meat on the bones, constantly improving the original idea.

Begin working with interested fathers.

Study and adapt success stories from other parishes and dioceses.

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'Competitive' Analysis

A comparison of the principal objectives of *Joseph's Workshop* with activities and resources that may be available from other providers.

Objective	Unique	Other providers / sources
Grow a leadership team focused on one goal only: <i>Fathers leading sons to holy maturity</i> .	Y	(We are unaware of any such active group in the Catholic Church.)
Prepare fathers to lead their sons in matters of faith and morals ¹ .	Y	(Various scattered and ad hoc efforts from church to church and diocese to diocese. No consistent ongoing effort.)
Build a community of concerned and active fathers ² .	Y	Ditto
Provide a resource-rich website focused on the needs of fathers and sons.	Y	Not existing
Develop a growing list of unanswered or poorly answered questions facing sons of all ages.	Y	?
Provide psychological awareness for parents – Many areas ³ .	?	www.CovenantEyes.com ⁴ , and many others.

¹ Including essential catechesis for fathers.

² Supported by in-person meetings, on-line meetings, and future publications.

³ E.g., Best methods for encouraging good behavior; Handling serious problems such as, loneliness, peer rejection, depression, pornography, drugs, suicidal implications.

⁴ This site, devoted to breaking the pornography habit and helping adults and children avoid it, also has some healthy tips on how to and how not to reinforce positive behaviors in children.

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Provide optional training for fathers in the most effective techniques and methods for teaching and guiding sons.	?	Not existing
Prepare fathers to lead their sons in this new world of technology ⁵ .	Y	We are not aware of any such formal effort or resource.
Provide a best-practice list of cell phone (and other screens) protection and parental control apps, tools and methods.	Y	Various secular family-oriented magazines and books on the subject are available. But no 'consumer reports' type of such screening and recommendation effort.
Recommend selected books, videos and podcasts for different age groups, covering matters of prayer, faith, morals, and church. Stories often are more effective for some children than dry text.	?	Many sources exist. Such as Augustine Institute's FORMED; Pureflix.com; and many, many others. ⁶

⁵ E.g., Modern technology and social media dangers, including hazards of Artificial Intelligence, electronic surveillance, digital currency, geolocation, identity scams, etc. – the good the bad and the really bad. Negative effects such as cyberbullying, poor self-esteem, excessive isolation, reduced attention span, health issues, privacy invasion, poor social skills and impaired sleep quality.

⁶ The children of today have become a short attention span, video-attracted generation. Several organizations provide good, wholesome videos that carry classical and new material with messages of heroism, moral values, faith and holiness. Fathers and sons are often rewarded when watching these together and discussing them.