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Father's Day Weekend June 17-18

### *St. Joseph Ministry*



**FOSTER CARE PROGRAM**

#### **A Prayer for Foster Children**

Dear Joseph, foster father of Jesus and protector of the Holy Family, in you we contemplate a model of courage and compassion.

Help us be more courageous in making space for God in our lives, so we may be better guardians of the vulnerable, especially the children and their families seeking our care.

As we contemplate your role, alongside the Blessed Virgin Mary, as first teacher of the faith to Jesus, may we recognize our own call to live with conviction and fidelity God's mercy and faithfulness.

Help us to be more compassionate, so we may be present and faithful to all, but especially to those children whose lives are chaotic, anxiety-filled and too often marred by violence.

As we contemplate the Holy Family's moments of stress in Jesus' young life — your betrothal to the Blessed Virgin Mary, your flight to Egypt, losing Jesus in the Temple — may we recognize our own call to give tender care and protection to those whom God brings to us.

Help us to be strong and wise in our faith, yet tender and open to love, as you were. May God grant that our families, including our parish family, be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel. Amen.



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As we celebrate Father's Day, let us call upon the intercession of St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, to provide for foster children and instill in men an open heart for the ministry of fostering or adoption. DCCH Center for Children and Families is eager to assist with free training, preparation, and support for anyone willing to become a foster parent for the homeless children of our community. For more info. Visit [www.dcchcenter.org](http://www.dcchcenter.org) or call 859 331-2040.