

# ST. MICHAEL PRAYER WARRIORS

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## *Priest Profile: Joseph A. Bruemmer*



FR. JOSEPH A BRUEMMER

Fr. Joseph A. Bruemmer is the President of the Board of Trustees of Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood. Born in Madisonville, Ohio, his family moved to Mt. Lookout and were members of Christ the King parish where he attended grade school.

After graduating from St. Xavier High School and one year at Xavier University, he entered the seminary and was ordained in 1948. He served in a number of parishes in the Archdiocese before retiring in 1993, celebrating 60 years in the priesthood this year.

Fr. Ray Kallaher, pastor of St. Mary's, Hyde Park, was a family friend and greatly influenced Fr. Bruemmer. It was his admiration for Fr. Kallaher that allowed him to consider the priesthood.

Prayer is the most important thing in Fr. Bruemmer's life. He talks to God as his best friend no matter what he is involved in dur-

ing the day. He prays the Liturgy of the Hours daily, as he is obliged as a priest, as well as the Rosary. He spreads these more formal prayers throughout the day so that he can follow the advice of St. Paul to 'pray without ceasing.'

Fr. Bruemmer knows the importance of being prayed for as well. In 1982, he became very ill and spent 6 months in the hospital, given a 1% chance of surviving. Through the prayers of many, he fully recovered. Father thinks that the new apostolate, St Michael Prayer Warriors, 'is one of the most important things that I have heard of happening recently.'

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ Mass for the Renewal of the Priesthood, October 24, OLVHC at Noon.
- ◆ Fall Live-In, October 9-11, Josephinum College Seminary
- ◆ Vocation Night, Oct 15, Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
- ◆ Cast Your Nets, Oct 25, St. Luke's Beaver creek, OH
- ◆ For details, see the 'Upcoming Events' page at [cincinnati vocations.org](http://cincinnati vocations.org)



## *The Holy Father Speaks*

The first and fundamental mission that we receive from the sacred mysteries we celebrate is that of bearing witness by our lives. The wonder we experience at the gift God has made to us in Christ gives new impulse to our lives and commits us to becoming witnesses of his love. We become witnesses when, through our actions, words and way of being, Another makes Himself present. Through witness, God lays Himself open to the risk of human freedom. Jesus

himself is the faithful and true witness, the one who came to testify to the truth. Here I would like to reflect on a notion dear to the early Christians, which also speaks eloquently to us today: namely, witness even to the offering of one's own life, to the point of martyrdom. Throughout the history of the Church, this has always been seen as the culmination of the new spiritual worship: "Offer your bodies" We might also recall the Eucharistic imagery with which Saint

Ignatius of Antioch describes his own imminent martyrdom: he sees himself as "God's wheat" and desires to become in martyrdom "Christ's pure bread." (236) The Christian who offers his life in martyrdom enters into full communion with the Pasch of Jesus Christ and thus becomes Eucharist with him. Today too, the Church does not lack martyrs who offer the supreme witness to God's love. - Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis* 85



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SALVATION OF SOULS!

## HOLY FATHER'S OCT PRAYER INTENTION:

THAT FAITHFUL FEEL THE  
NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE CHURCH'S UNIVERSAL  
MISSION OF SPREADING  
THE GOOD NEWS OF  
JESUS CHRIST THROUGH  
PRAYER, SACRIFICE AND  
CONCRETE HELP. OCTOBER  
IS MISSIONS MONTH.

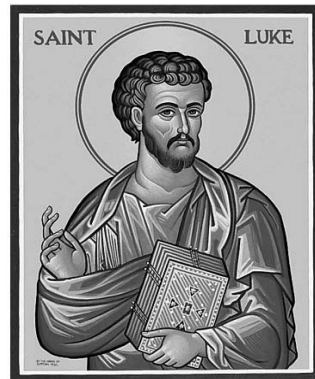
*St. Michael Prayer Warriors is an apostolate of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Vocation Office whose members agree to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life for at least one hour per month. Voluntary sacrifice is also encouraged as an offering of self for the gift of vocations. The 'Prayer Warriors' newsletter is published ten times per year, and is distributed electronically to parishes, seminarians, members, and potential candidates for the seminary.*

*Members also agree to encourage their pastor in his own ongoing conversion, for priests remain the best recruiter of priests. For this, members will pray for their bishops and priests during their hour of adoration.*

*As the Master instructs us to pray for more laborers for His fields, we willingly agree to this undertaking.*

*To enroll for the monthly newsletter, send an email to [vocations@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:vocations@catholiccincinnati.org) or call the Vocation Office at 513-421-3131.*

## Prayer Intentions, October



**ST. LUKE, THE EVANGELIST  
OCTOBER 18**

St. Luke lived in the First Century A.D. A physician, he served as a companion to St. Paul, with whom he traveled and preached the doctrine of the new faith, and Christian historian. St. Luke wrote a

major portion of the New Testament: from St. Paul's preaching he compiled a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and he handed down an account of the beginnings of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles. St. Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians. His Feast Day is celebrated on October 18.

Other October memorials include: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>; Our Lady of the Rosary, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>; and St. Ignatius of Antioch, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Prayer Intentions:

- Archbishop Pilarczyk
- Pastor of your Parish
- Seminary & Theology Instructors—that they live and teach the Truth.

### Prayers for October

- Rosary, meditation on the Luminous Mysteries
- Scripture Reading: Baptism of the Lord—Luke 3: 1-22

**A project for Children:** Read the Little Way of St. Therese and ask the children ways that they can offer up sacrifices or acts of Love following the Little Way.

**Sacrifice:** Get up 15 minutes early or before the TV goes on, spend 15 minutes in prayer for your family including your Church family.

**Charity:** Priests are often traveling at meal time, give him gift cards to a restaurant in your area or invite them over for dinner.

