ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Holy Family Pilgrim Statue Program

Dear St. Joseph School Students and Families,

We are excited to introduce the **Holy Family Pilgrim Statue Program**.

The purpose of this program is to promote prayer in our School community by providing a visual aid for families to gather around and help them to devote time for family prayer, particularly the Holy Rosary. It also wants to promote devotion to the Holy Family as a model for our families.

As a Catholic School, we believe that the family is the first and most important place where faith is taught and lived. The home is the " **first school of Christian life** and "a school for human enrichment, where one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous - even repeated - forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life." (CCC, 1657)

This pilgrim statue of **Jesus, Mary, and Joseph** also wants to remind us that every home is called to become a **domestic church**— a place where God is loved and Faith is shared and celebrated.

We invite the School families to sign up to welcome the Pilgrim Statue into your home for a week at a time. By signing up, you offer your home to reverently welcome the Holy Family with the intention of asking for their help and intercession in the transformation of your home and family life into a true Domestic Church. By contemplating Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we can grow in domestic virtues and, by praying together, we strengthen our Faith as well as our family. We believe that this will translate into great blessings for both our families and our School.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us.