May 1st, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, has been named Religious Brothers' Day. Help us to celebrate the vocations of these committed men to the service of the church. The prayer below was commissioned specifically for this celebration and focuses on the vocation of Brothers- a gift given by God, received by the Brothers and shared with others.



God of mercy and compassion,
thank you for the extraordinary life, witness, and ministry
of Religious Brothers in our Church.

In your wisdom, you have called these ordinary men
to generously serve, pray,
and share your healing love with others.

As we prepare for our annual Religious Brothers Day,
deepen our appreciation for the vocation
of Religious Brothers, their congregational charisms,
and their commitment to vowed community life.

Strengthened by our baptismal call to holiness,
inspire us to invite men
to consider religious life as a Religious Brother.

Grant all Religious Brothers the grace and perseverance
they need to proclaim your Holy Word
for the life of our Church and our world.
Amen.

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