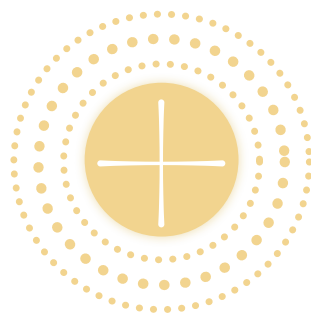


## May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance!

~ Letter of St. Jude, 1:2



Dear Friend,

Whatever the pacing of our gifts in life, we know we are blessed because God is with us without fail on our paths through the wonders as well as the challenges. And very true to our devotion to St. Jude, the reality of hope is a powerful part of our everyday focus.

Maybe the two letters you received from me the last few months have already inspired you to include St. Jude in your prayer life. That would be wonderful!

My invitation to you today is to discover the many benefits of our St. Jude League in this national ministry of hope and devotion. We formed the St. Jude League in 1929 to ensure that the Claretian Missionaries had a ministerial organization dedicated to providing a constant path to a real connection with the National Shrine for their devotion to this Patron Saint of Hope—regardless of where they live or their ability to travel.



The Vigil Light room at the National Shrine.

Membership is not based on any dues or any subscription. It is based only on you connecting your petitions to St. Jude through us. True, the majority of members choose to make a gift at some point in the year as an offering to help our ministries. But many of these gifts are very small in dollar value, yet are hugely significant gifts on each donor's part. We are grateful for everything.

While each member's devotion to St. Jude remains extremely personal, the League offers everyone opportunities to participate in communal prayer for the needs of its members. Our members grow in faith and hope as they experience the challenges and blessings in their lives with the support of St. Jude and the Masses offered on their behalf by the Claretians.

Throughout the year, the National Shrine celebrates five solemn Novenas to St. Jude. The League sends its members the preparation and the prayer materials

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for each Novena, providing nine days of dedicated prayer to St. Jude. Our other prayer services include special Weekly Devotions, monthly prayer services for healing, Sunday Masses, and many other unique opportunities. In all, we plan around 160 days of prayer every year, in addition to the visitations occurring on a daily basis.



The peaceful calm and warmth of the National Shrine make this a unique space of prayer.

St. Jude League members can also request that their prayers be remembered with a Vigil Light at the Shrine. The lights will burn in our Vigil Light Room next to the altar of St. Jude and are constant signs of your prayer.

One of our most special events at the Shrine is the celebration of the Feast of St. Jude on October 28th. I invite you to send me your special intentions. The intentions we receive before the Feast Day will be taken to the Shrine, placed at the altar of St. Jude, and remembered during the celebration Mass.

Our League also provides members with materials for prayer and reflection that can help inspire and encourage your spiritual life. These materials offer ways to explore and develop your active prayer life throughout the year. On the next page I've included some samples of the materials available to our St. Jude League members. While the photos are too small to be easily legible, I hope they give you a good idea of the range and depth of what we provide.

A devotion to St. Jude and his ministry of hope is another way to connect with the presence of God in our lives. Through his intercession, we receive the grace and strength we seek from God. In both times of difficulty and joy, St. Jude keeps us in his care.

I invite you to share your petitions with us so we can remember them during the Feast of St. Jude, October 28th. I look forward to welcoming you to the St. Jude League, and praying for you and your intentions. May God bless you, and may the hope of St. Jude be with you every day.

Yours in prayer,

Fr. Mark Brummel, CMF  
Director, St. Jude League



