



*Providing
compassion & love
to those in need.*



HOSPITALLER BROTHERS
OF ST. JOHN OF GOD

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If you are seeking your path in life ...

We invite you to find out more about the vocation of Brother, especially as a Hospitaller Brother of St. John of God.

The call to Brotherhood is a special invitation to serve God. Unique and distinct from the Ordained priesthood, the call to Brother is a call to minister to people as “one of them.”

Our commitment to Religious Life and devotion to the values of our Founder, St. John of God, provides a fulfilling and meaningful life.

The Brothers of St. John of God are looking for men who desire to be men of compassion and prayer. We invite you to learn more about us in these pages, and welcome your inquiries into the life of a Brother of St. John of God.



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The Life of a Brother of St. John of God

The life and role of a Hospitaller Brother of St. John of God is unique in the Church because of our commitment to journey with those who are in need of healing and support. We come from many different cultures, traditions and gifts, however, the bond that unites us is our desire to faithfully live our vocation to serve Jesus Christ in the sick, poor and those in need.

As Brothers, we are called to live in Community with other men who profess the same vows of Poverty, Chastity, Obedience and Hospitality in the service of the sick and poor. Our lives as Brothers of St. John of God allow us to deepen our own relationship with the Lord, as well as bring hope to those in need. Each of our Communities in the United States and throughout the world has the spirit of our Order, which is Hospitality. It is through this spirit that we strive to welcome all those we come in contact with.



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The Process of Becoming a Hospitaller Brother of St. John of God

The Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God is a Religious Order within the Catholic Church. It is part of our Formation that we have a period of Candidacy, Postulancy, and two years of Novitiate before a Brother makes temporary vows. After a period of time in temporary vows the Brother prepares to take his Solemn Vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and hospitality.

Once an individual applies to the Order and is accepted they live in Community with the Brothers so as to better assimilate into the culture of Religious Life. During this period the Candidate will receive the necessary instruction that will allow him to understand the mission of the Church and our Order. He will also have hands on experience in the work of The Brothers as well as have a role in the Religious Community.

As the individual continues to discern their vocation, he will be invited to continue his formation within The Hospitaller Order of St. John of God through the stages of the formation program as a Postulant, Novice and as a Temporary Professed Brother.

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Ministries within the Order

There are many roles of a Brother, and the responsibilities can be quite diverse. But whether the role is that of counselor, administrator, vocation director, social worker, nurse or doctor, all the Brothers are united in their desire to bring God's love and healing presence to those who need it most.

The Brothers minister in partnership with their co-workers, who share their philosophy and values and wish to work alongside the Brothers in their mission of Hospitality.

The Brothers of St. John of God can be found in over 50 countries around the world—in hospitals, nursing homes, centers for the elderly, schools for children with special needs, homes for those living with AIDS and countless other centers and programs for those in need.



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St. John of God and the Hospitaller Order that bears his name

It is now five centuries since the birth of St. John of God. The example of his life is still inspiring people spreading his work throughout the world.

St. John of God was born John Ciudad in 1495 in a small village in the south of Portugal called Montemor-o-Novo. At the age of eight, in circumstances that are still a mystery, John left home. He was raised by a Spanish family in

Oropesa. The greater part of his life was spent as a wanderer, shepherd, soldier, book-seller and laborer, and covering in his travels the countries of Europe and North Africa.

When St. John of God finally settled in Granada around the age of forty, he underwent a conversion experience so dramatic in its intensity that he was placed in a psychiatric hospital. His brief experience of the kind of treatment meted out to the afflicted gave him an insight into, and understanding of, the real needs of the sick. He decided to devote the rest of his life to caring for those in need.

John was a warm and human person. In his hospital he created an atmosphere of welcome, peace and hospitality. He was a great listener and had great empathy with people, which encouraged many to come to him with their problems. Even when he could not help, he would listen and give words of encouragement.

By faithfully following his example, the Order of Brothers that formed after the death of St. John of God continues to serve the sick, poor and those in need with the same spirit of Hospitality that motivated John over five centuries ago.



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The Order's Logo

This logo is taken from the crest of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God. The combined symbols of the pomegranate and the cross represent “charity” and “sacrifice.” The bursting fruit expresses the need for love to expand while the cross reminds us that there can be no charity without sacrifice.



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