

Paternal Leader Listing Introduction

The introduction of the idea of having paternal leaders available to our parish families is an effort to better assist our pastors, priests and faith community in appropriate situations and in times of need.

Our deacons can act as our first line of interventionists who can step forward to fill these positions that will ultimately inspire other men of good will to follow in their lead. Consideration toward adding a page to parish websites to offer bios like the example supplied would serve well as a place for fathers and young men to easily seek out someone who they might feel aligned with for ministerial assistance.

Lay congregation would not be a good fit to serve as paternal leaders at the onset of this ministry since proper alignment with Church teachings must be ensured. I believe that our pastors are aware of who can be inspired to consider filling this need within their congregations. Consideration toward a diocese's Lay Ministry programs could prove to be a good resource for readying willing candidates. As this effort is implemented throughout our congregations lay ministries, the need will refine the process, as spiritual growth inevitably carries this effort forward.

If considered, a program like this can take its place in our faith community as a tool of reach, and it can become a resource sought out by future generations of Catholics challenged with finding their way back to their Catholic faith.

St. Joseph, pillar of families, intercede and lead us forward!

Paternal Leader Listing Example

Ray Haywood is a devoted husband to his wife, Natalie. They have been married for the past thirty-two years.



Together they intentionally raised two faith-filled sons, Nicholas and Frank, within the foundation of faith, the sacraments. Ray shares in more than 27 years of willful fatherhood and co-parenting experience. Now living in Harrisburg, North Carolina, Ray and Natalie operate a small family owned car dealership. They are faithful parishioners of Saint

Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Through active parish involvement, Ray's family's faith continues to grow in the New Covenant teachings of the Catholic Church. He is devoted to handing on the faith filled gifts to all men of good faith wherever they may be in their faith journey. He finds this to be his call to action in his own faith journey.

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