

St. Andrew, Fisher of Men

Men's Bible & Catechism Study

Mission. **To help men grow as disciples of Jesus Christ** by deepening their personal relationship with Him in the Catholic faith and growing in holiness, virtue, servant leadership, and evangelization.

Motto. **"Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire."**
- St. Catherine of Sienna

- Goals.
1. Grow in holiness and virtue through prayer, Word, and sacrament. (John 15:7-8; Romans 12:1-2)
 2. Grow in love for God, our wives and children, and neighbor through study of the Bible, Catechism, and the saints. (Luke 24:32; Galatians 2:20)
 3. Grow in servant leadership and evangelization for our families, Church, workplace, and society. (Ephesians 5:25; 6:4; Matthew 28:19-20)
 4. Support one another in Christ, to run with perseverance the race that is set before us. (Hebrews 12:1-2; Proverbs 27:17)

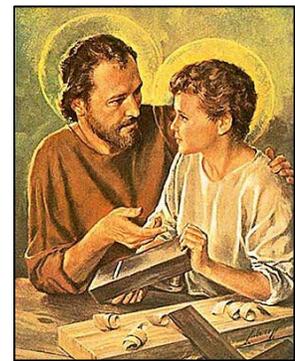
Patron Saints: St. Andrew and St. Joseph.



St. Andrew, Fisher of Men.
Seeker, Follower, Evangelizer.

As seeker, follower, and evangelizer, St. Andrew represents men at all stages of spiritual growth, whom we welcome. We aspire to imitate Andrew's ten acts of faith in John 1:35-42 (over).

St. Joseph lovingly and courageously protected and served his family, providing us an example of integrity, strength, faith, and humility.



St. Joseph, Devoted Husband & Father.
Leader, Protector, Provider.

Guiding Principles:

- **The Interior Life of Grace.** We are called to grow in Christ from the inside out - to be men of prayer, Word, and sacrament who respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.
- **Integrity.** We strive to align our thoughts, desires, words, and actions to our faith, in the way we live our personal and public lives, through ongoing personal conversion.
- **Transparency and Trust.** We honestly and confidentially share our real struggles and triumphs as men, placing confidence in Jesus Christ as Redeemer of our lives.
- **Humble Obedience.** We desire to form our faith and consciences from Scripture and the authoritative, trustworthy teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." - Proverbs 27:17



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Our Namesake: St. Andrew, Fisher of Men

Although relatively little is written about Andrew in Scripture, there is perhaps no other person in the Bible for whom so much is written in so few words. Very simply, Andrew was a man of action led by the Holy Spirit. Andrew's encounter with and response to Christ provides a model of faithful discipleship as seeker, follower, and evangelizer, as demonstrated in the "Ten Acts of Andrew" recorded in John 1:35-42 and listed below [in brackets].

- **Seeker.** John 1:35-37. Andrew was seeking the kingdom of God. Initially a disciple of John the Baptist, he made himself available to be encountered by Jesus by being with John, who was looking for the Christ [1. Stood (with John). 2. Heard]
- **Follower.** John 1:37-39. Once Andrew was introduced to Jesus by John the Baptist, Andrew followed Him. He spent time with Jesus, and asked Jesus to spend time with him. [3. Followed. 4. Listened. 5. Asked. 6. Came. 7. Saw. 8. Stayed.]
- **Evangelizer.** John 1:40-42. Upon being transformed by Christ, Andrew found his brother Peter and "brought him to Jesus" - just as John the Baptist did for him. [9. Found. 10. Brought.]

Andrew's response to the prompting of the Holy Spirit:

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| 1. Stood (with John, seeking) | } | Seeker |
| 2. Heard | | |
| 3. Followed | } | Follower |
| 4. Listened | | |
| 5. Asked | | |
| 6. Came | | |
| 7. Saw | | |
| 8. Stayed | | |
| 9. Found | } | Evangelizer |
| 10. Brought (his brother Peter to Jesus) | | |

John 1:35-42 - Andrew's "10 Acts of Faith"

Revised Standard Version

³⁵ The next day again John was **standing** with two of his disciples; ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples **heard** him say this, and they **followed** Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned, and saw them following, and **said** to them, "What do you seek?" And they **said** to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They **came** and **saw** where he was staying; and they **stayed** with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first **found** his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴² He **brought** him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

"And passing along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen.
And Jesus said to them, "**Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men.**"

- Mark 1:16-17

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