

friends of st. joseph

We, the Friends of St. Joseph, are an intentional community in the CSJ tradition. We gather to pray, reflect and support each other in living the CSJ charism of unifying love.

Individuals join the Friends of St. Joseph by joining a Friends group. These groups may include Sisters and Consociates. They identify themselves as intentionally embracing and living the CSJ mission of moving always toward profound love of God and love of neighbor without distinction.

After being part of a Friends of St. Joseph group for at least a year and with the intention of continuing on this path, individuals new to the Friends may request that they be introduced to the community in an appropriate way such as in *Together* or at the Community Assembly and that their name be listed as a Friend of St. Joseph in the CSJ Directory.

A Friends group works best when small enough to know each other well and pray together. One of the ways new Friends groups may form is when a group gets too large to support this intimate dynamic, the members may mutually discern that the time has come to establish two smaller groups. This expands the number of Friends groups available for individuals to seek out and join. We expect that a relationship among the groups will continue and even deepen over time.

Other possible ways of beginning Friends groups have yet to be explored. Individuals seeking to learn about the CSJ way through Friends may expect to be warmly welcomed into a Friends group. We receive individuals wherever they are on their journey.

The original group of Friends of St. Joseph identify themselves as the Timberlee Circle. In addition to gathering monthly, this group made their first three annual retreats at Timberlee. These retreats helped form the identity of the group as they got to know each other better and to learn more about the CSJ way of living the charism.

The present Friends of St. Joseph who are in the Timberlee Circle are:

Cara Anthony, Alex Celeste, Eric Celeste, Joseph Claus, Martha Conway, Edward Fisher, Peggy O'Neill Fisher, Mary Elizabeth Harroun CSJ, Carolyn Puccio CSJ, Kathleen Ryan CSJ, Lynn Shubitz, Phyllis Townley, Rodney Townley, and Mary Ellen Ward CSJ.