



What is a Confrère?

OBJECTIVE

Provide you—a prospective confrère—an understanding of the Templars mission, the confrère's role in that mission, and the concrete commitments confrères assume in service to the mission.

TEMPLARS MISSION

To deliver a fraternal experience that catalyzes male teenagers in the Catholic faith as they mature into husbands, fathers, and priests.

Templars – Knights of the Holy Temple is a Catholic leadership fraternity for male teenagers. It began in 1999, when a young priest noticed that the male teenagers in his parish possessed a power and influence that lay dormant, especially within the Church. He offered the young men a different path. They chose it, built it, and grew it. Today we call it the Templars Order, Templars for short.

For 25 years, young men of high school age have been adopting the Honor Code based on the Order's four core values:

- Humility
- Fidelity
- Power
- Witness

The core Work of the Order is to serve at the altar of the chapter's local parish. Each Templars chapter—comprised of a priest-chaplain, 2 or more confrères, and 10 or more brother templars—commits to accomplishing the Work of the Order:

- Serving at the Altar
 - Building the Brotherhood
 - Giving of themselves for the good of others
 - Attending to Spiritual Growth
-

CONFRÈRE'S ROLE

In short, confrères support brother templars in living out the Honor Code and accomplishing the Work of the Order. Templars offers its members proximity to their parish priest. And in confrères, it offers proximity to lay Catholic men living out St. Paul's mantra to "be imitators of me as I am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1).

CONFRÈRE'S COMMITMENTS

1. Assist with Chapter launch efforts –
 - Attend occasional coaching calls with the Templar chapter success coach,
 - Plan and execute the Win Event to recruit male teenagers, and
 - Send invitation letters before and follow-up postcards after the Win Event.
2. Advise, counsel, mentor, and provide mature example to the chapter brothers –
 - Your role is not to run the chapter for the brothers. The chapter is theirs to lead, manage, and execute.
 - When called upon, and as prudence dictates, you can assist the brothers as an older brother, uncle, or grandfather would.
3. Attend and chaperone chapter gatherings –
 - Each official gathering of templars requires the attendance of an adult chaperone. Confrères support the priest-chaplain by attending chapter gatherings and offering him an additional support. Gatherings include:
 - Monthly chapter meetings.
 - Quarterly fellowship among brother templars.
 - Quarterly charitable service projects.
 - Annual Templars chapter retreat.
4. Complete and maintain diocesan safe environment protocols for ministering to minors in the name of the Church.
 - This is to be strictly enforced for the safety and protection of the youth, our priests, and ourselves.

NOTE:

It is a great privilege to serve young men on behalf of the Church. It is essential that you believe wholeheartedly in the power and influence male teenagers possess for the good of the Church and all people of good will. Set a high a standard for the young men in your charge. Treat them as men, not as boys, and they will strive to meet your expectations. Most importantly, guard against leading the young men astray; you cannot give what you do not have. “Be imitators of me as I am of Christ”

“Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us. But to your name be the Glory” (Psalm 115:1).