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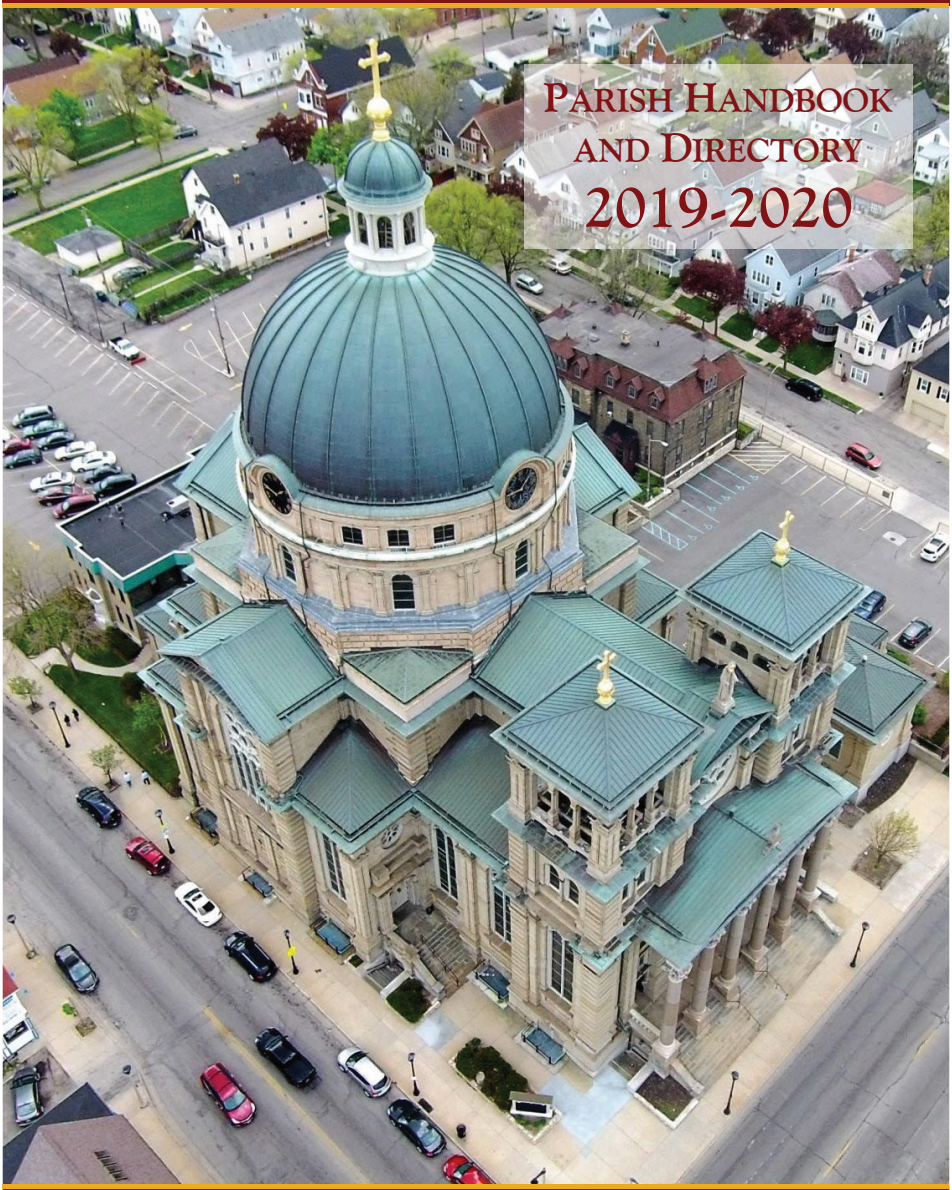

# PARISH HANDBOOK AND DIRECTORY 2019-2020

# the BASILICA of Saint Josaphat

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Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for being a part of the Basilica Parish. I am pleased to present you with this parish handbook and directory. Opportunities to pray, minister, serve, and socialize are outlined here.

This handbook is an annual publication. It comes to us at no charge; the publishers finance it through the advertisements they solicit. Thank you to the individuals and businesses that have supported this endeavor.

The parish handbook serves as a ready reference of what is available in the parish and of the individuals to contact regarding particular activities, events, and organizations. Hopefully this book will benefit new parishioners wanting to be better informed and seeking parish involvement. I encourage everyone to become actively involved as we continue to build our parish community.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you. May the Lord continue to bless us.

Peace,

Rev. Lawrence Zurek, OFM Conv.
Administrator

# Mission Statement

We, people of God, bound by faith in the teaching of Jesus Christ, according to the Roman Catholic tradition, acknowledge the celebration of the Eucharist to be the heart and summit of our parish community.

We strive to respond to each other and to our children through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, education, and leadership. Relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to serve others in just and honest ways as Christ has served us.

In the accomplishment of this mission, we invite and welcome others as part of our Faith Community.

# Parish Leadership

Parish Office Telephone Number: (414) 645-5623

**Administrator**
Rev. Lawrence Zurek, OFM Conv. ..... ext. 213

**Parochial Vicar**
Rev. John Clote, OFM Conv. ..... ext. 224

**Sacristan & Parish Secretary**
Mr. Paul Trzebiatowski ..... ext. 210

**Director of Music & Organist**
Dr. Delano Kahlstorf ..... ext. 219

**Director of Religious Education (DRE)**
Mr. Jeremy Fisher ..... ext. 221

**Business Manager**
Mrs. Amy Kohl ..... ext. 212

**Director of Environmental Services**
Mr. Cary Maleu ..... ext. 220

**Administrative Assistant**
Mrs. Margaret Livingston ..... ext. 210

**Permanent Deacons**
Rev. Mr. William Banach
Rev. Mr. Theodore Faust, OFS

**Saint Josaphat Parish School Principal**
Mr. Ronald Russell ..... (414) 645-4378

**Saint Josaphat Basilica Foundation**
Mrs. Colleen Cheney-Trawinski ..... (414) 902-3524

**Manager of Visitor Services**
Mr. Les Miescke ..... ext. 235 or (414) 902-3523

# Parish Membership

All Catholics living in the area and regularly worshipping at the Basilica should register as parishioners. Children of registered parents must re-register as adults following their 18th birthday. Formal registration is required for persons wishing to participate in sacramental preparation. Parish membership enables us to mutually turn to each other for support and service.

# Mass and Worship Schedule

## Celebration of the Eucharist

**Weekday Masses**

Monday through Friday-7:00 AM
Wednesday-12:00 PM
Saturday-8:00 AM

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday-4:30 PM Vigil
Sunday-8:00 AM 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

**Holy Days**

See the bulletin or website for the schedule

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Monday through Friday following 7:00 AM Mass
Saturday following the 8:00 AM Mass
Saturday at 3:00 PM

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesdays following the 12:00 PM Mass.
Vespers & Benediction at 5:30 PM on Wednesdays.

**Rosary and Devotions**

Rosary–Prayed in common before the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass
Saint Anthony of Padua Novena–7:00 AM on Tuesday
Saint Joseph Novena–12:00 PM on Wednesday
Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus–First Friday following 7:00 AM Mass
Litany of Our Lady of Loreto–First Saturday following 8:00 AM Mass

*Any change in times will be noted in the parish bulletin and on the website: www.TheBasilica.org*

# Parish Office

Pastoral services available through the parish office are: Baptism, Marriage, and Funeral arrangements, hospital/nursing home visitation, and Communion to the homebound. Arrangements can be made by contacting the Parish Office at (414) 645-5623.

**Hours**

Monday through Friday 9:00 AM-4:00 AM
Closed Saturdays, Sundays, Holy Days and legal holidays.
Saturdays and weekday evenings by appointment.

# Visitors Center and Tours

Located in the Pope John Paul II Pavilion, the Basilica Visitors' Center is open Monday through Saturday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM for visitors to the Basilica. Tours are regularly held after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sundays. Call the Visitors Center at (414) 902-3523 or visit TheBasilica.org to schedule group tours.

# Sacramental Preparation

We offer a brief overview of our sacramental guidelines. For further information, please contact the Director of Religious Education (414) 645-5623, ext. 221 or the Parish Office (414) 645-5623, ext. 210.

**Baptism** - Baptisms are celebrated in the Basilica on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents presenting children for Baptism should be registered parishioners. Participation in a Baptism preparation session is required. Adults seeking Baptism should contact the Director of Religious Education for participation in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

**Eucharist** - Parishioners of school age children wishing to celebrate their first Communion will be referred to the appropriate parish formation and education program. Adults will be prepared through the RCIA program. Please call the Director of Religious Education to register.

**Confirmation** - Those seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in a faith formation and preparation program. High school students 16 years of age and older are asked to regularly attend at least one year of Basilicrew. Adults wishing to receive the Sacrament are invited to the Basilica's RCIA program. Contact the Director of Religious Education for more information.

**Reconciliation** - Confessions are heard weekly at 3:00 PM on Saturday afternoons. They are also heard immediately following the 7:00 AM Mass Monday through Friday and after the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday. Special times are announced for parish penance services during Advent and Lent. For necessary preparation for one's first confession, contact the Director of Religious Education.

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**Matrimony** - In preparation for married life, the prospective bride and groom must be instructed in the obligations and responsibilities of Christian marriage according to the Church. Parishioners wishing to marry at the Basilica must contact the parish office at least six months prior to the intended day of the wedding. At least one of the parties should be a registered and active member of the Basilica Parish in his/her own name for at least six months before contacting the office for a date. This means that one will have been a registered parishioner for at least one full year before the wedding date.

**Anointing of the Sick** - Please call the parish office in case of serious illness or hospitalization as soon as possible to make arrangements for this sacrament.

# Liturgical Ministries

We welcome our parishioners to choose from many available options to share their talents in the liturgical ministries of the Basilica Parish.

**Eucharistic Ministers/Homebound Ministry** - Lay men and women who assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass or bring the Eucharist to the sick and infirmed in private homes, hospitals, and long-term care facilities. Special training, education, and ongoing formation will be provided. Register with the Basilica Sacristan at (414) 645-5623, ext. 210.

**Lectors** - Lay men and women who proclaim the Word of God at all liturgies. Candidates must have the ability to read in a public setting. A short briefing along with proper protocol will be provided. Register with the Basilica Sacristan at (414) 645-5623, ext. 210.

**Altar Servers** - Parents are asked to encourage their children to participate as Altar Servers. Training and guidance will be provided on an ongoing basis to make them as comfortable as possible in a public setting. Open to both boys and girls after they have received their First Holy Communion. Register with the Basilica Sacristan at (414) 645-5623, ext. 210.

**Greeters/Ushers** - A team of men and women whose goal is to provide a positive impression while they greet arriving parishioners and visitors, assist in seating, collect the offerings, and distribute bulletins. Contact the Basilica Sacristan at (414) 645-5623, ext. 210.

**Basilica Liturgical Music** - Music at the Basilica of St. Josaphat exists to glorify God and edify worshippers in this marvelous sacred space. The Basilica Choir is a mixed adult choir that sings the best of the repertoire from the entire breadth of the Church's treasury of sacred music. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The Choir sings the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass (September through May), as well as Holy Days, Christmas, and the Sacred Triduum. The other weekend Masses, as well as the noon Mass on Wednesday, are accompanied by the organ and cantor or schola. For more information, or to audition, contact the Basilica Director of Music & Organist.

# Basilikids (Children's Ministry)

At the Basilica, we strive to teach our children about Jesus Christ through the teachings of His Holy Catholic Church. By using the moral, social, and theological teachings of the Church at an age-appropriate level, we want our children to come to know and love Christ fully. *Basilikids* meets September through April. For more information about *Basilikids*, please visit the Basilica's website or contact the Director of Religious Education.

**We do this through:**

**Elementary School Ministry**

Children (Grades K-5) will meet on Sunday mornings 9:00 AM-9:50 AM in the Parish Center for classes in their respective grade levels. Each class will be taught at an age-appropriate level with curriculum and activities that enhance each student's learning.

**Middle School Ministry**

Children (Grades 6-8) are invited to attend our middle school ministry, which takes place Sunday mornings 9:00 AM-9:50 AM in the Parish Center. The children will discover how to apply their relationship with Jesus Christ to their daily lives as well as furthering their knowledge of Church teaching.

**Sacramental Preparation Process**

Starting in 2nd Grade, children are invited to take part in our 2-year Sacramental preparation process for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation (Year 1) and First Communion (Year 2). Older children are invited and encouraged to take part in this process as well.

**Summer Formation Opportunities**

Please contact the Director of Religious Education or visit the Basilica website to stay up-to-date on summer children's formational opportunities.

# Basilicrew (Youth Ministry)

At the Basilica, we value our youth. These individuals are preparing to pledge their faith in Jesus Christ and we want them to be on fire with the Holy Spirit. It is important to prepare these teens so they can bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. We do this through learning, service, and building community. Basilicrew meets September through April. For more information, please visit the Basilica website or contact the Director of Religious Education.

**High School Confirmation Preparation**

The goal of High School Confirmation preparation is to aid in the teen's decision to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and to foster each candidate's relationship with Jesus. Those teens (age 16 and older) who are interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation are asked to commit to one year of Basilicrew and will be invited to participate in a weekend retreat and a parish service experience.

**Basilicrew**

Basilicrew is an opportunity for high school youth to be drawn deeper into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to learn more about the Catholic Church and its riches, and to be ignited by the Spirit to serve as true disciples of our Lord. All high schoolers are welcome to join twice a month after the Sunday 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Center to meet other teens, hear a message, and grab some food. The schedule can be found under Involvement_Youth on the Basilica's website.

# Parish Ministries

Parish ministries help address the needs of the people of the parish and surrounding community, especially the poor, and to meet those needs by enlisting members of the parish to volunteer their time and talents. Involvement in these programs greatly enhances our Christian presence within the community. Please refer to the Parish Ministry and Organization Directory for contact information.

**Elizabeth Ministry** - an outreach of the Christian Women organization open to women in their child-bearing years. The ministry is based on Jesus' vision of the goodness, beauty and truth of human life. Elizabeth Ministers share their presence, stories, and experiences to support, encourage, console and at times bring healing to other women. Through the Rosebud program they share prayers with many requests received surrounding childbearing needs.

**English as a Second Language (ESL)** - Volunteers help adults (ideally one-on-one) acquire English language skills in an informal, positive learning environment at the Parish Center. The students range widely in age and educational background, but are eager, determined to learn, and above all, appreciative of the assistance given by the Volunteer Tutors.

**Needy Meal Program** - Provides a nutritious meal to needy individuals at a meal site on the south side of Milwaukee. Volunteers prepare and serve the meal, typically on the first Monday of each month.

**Respect Life Ministry (Conception through Death)** - Works to educate parishioners on the appreciation of the "Gift of Life."

**Saint Vincent de Paul Conference** - Vincentians unite as a faith family with a personal call to holiness by prayer, reflection, and service to the less fortunate. They meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month and follow the rule of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Basilica Food Pantry** - An important outreach of the SVDP Conference here at the Basilica run by associate members of the Society on Wednesdays, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM in the Parish Center. Parishioners are asked to donate every other month through a "reverse collection" during which coupons noting needed items are distributed prior to Sunday Masses. Items purchased are brought to the Basilica the following weekend.

# Parish Organizations

There are a number of other organizations that support and promote social functions and Christian ideals. These organizations welcome new members and volunteers. Whether you can make a long or short-term commitment, any contribution of your talent is welcome. Refer to the Parish Ministry and Organization Directory for contact information.

**Christian Women** - Members include women of all ages who desire to participate in a social and spiritual network. While most members are parishioners, women from other parish communities are welcome to participate. It is the mission of this organization to nurture the spiritual, personal, and social development of each member, provide opportunities for outreach, and encourage participation in functions and projects that strengthen the parish community. Activities and events are held each month including socials, game nights, book club, and spiritual reflection gatherings. A scholarship luncheon is held annually.

**Holy Name Society** - The Holy Name Society is a group whose primary objective is to promote reverence for the Holy Name of God and Jesus Christ. In addition to serving our priests, parish ministries, and parishioners, the group sponsors spiritual and social events throughout the year.

**Knights of Columbus** - Is an organization of Catholic men committed to charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Founded in 1882 by Father McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, the group was organized to aid one another in times of sickness or death, strengthen themselves and each other in faith, and to be of service to the Church and community.

The Basilica's local council and 4th degree assembly each meet on a monthly basis. The Knights support the parish by ushering for Sunday Mass and volunteering for various parish events. They raise and donate funds for charitable needs and projects including Special Olympics and pro-life organizations through Tootsie Roll and Life-Saver candy sales as well as pancake breakfast.

**Parish Life** - Our parish is unique in that we are made up of parishioners who live not only in the neighborhood surrounding the Basilica, but who commute from areas throughout southeastern Wisconsin. Parish Life is responsible for evaluating the social needs of the parish and working to develop spiritual and relational community in our parish family. This includes organization of special parish events during the year and the parish combined calendar.

**Parish Hospitality** - Assists with beverage and snack concessions at various concerts and performances held at the Basilica throughout the year. The hospitality group also coordinates parish socials and receptions throughout the year.

# Saint Josaphat Parish School

The Basilica Parish operates a fully accredited, State and Archdiocesan elementary school serving students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. State-certified, licensed teachers and administrators, in collaboration with highly qualified staff create a safe, professional environment to foster student learning.

A rigorous curriculum challenges students to include religious education, core subject areas, the arts, technology, and physical education. The school offers a breakfast and lunch program in accordance with State and Federal regulations. A before-and-after-school-care program is provided daily. Intramural sports, club, and other elective opportunities are available year-round.

Volunteers are valued. All volunteers and staff receive regular background checks and are required to maintain Safeguarding certification through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Organizations such as School Ministry, Home & School, Athletics, Marketing & Development, and Technology support the parish and school to fulfill our ministries and continue to move our school forward while providing opportunities to stakeholders, students, families, and the Basilica community.

Saint Josaphat Parish School is rooted in tradition and faith while integrating needs to serve the surrounding community. All are welcome!

## Saint Josaphat Parish School Mission Statement:

Strengthened by the celebration of the Eucharist,
we, the educators of Saint Josaphat Parish School,
are committed to proclaiming Gospel values and integrating
these values into our program of instruction.

Enlightened by these values,
the students can address the need
for justice and peace in the contemporary world.

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
we provide them a quality academic foundation
from which to begin
their journey into the future.

For further information, contact the Saint Josaphat Parish School Office:
801 W Lincoln Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53215-3222
Telephone: (414) 645-4378

# Conventual Franciscans

Founded by Saint Francis of Assisi, and part of the worldwide Franciscan Mission, the Conventual Franciscan Friars of Saint Bonaventure Province have owned and administered the Basilica since 1910 with the generosity of the parish community. Headquartered in Chicago, Saint Bonaventure Province continues to inspire the Franciscan spirituality of the Basilica Parish. www.franciscancommunity.com

# Secular Franciscans

This fraternity is one of thousands of local arms of the International Secular Franciscan Order. The Order consists of lay Roman Catholics from all walks of life who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi, and to make present the charisma of the saint in the life and mission of the church. The Secular Franciscan Order is open to all baptized and confirmed Roman Catholics–single, married, or widowed. This Order reaches beyond the boundaries of the Basilica Parish community.

Our chapter of the Secular Franciscans is a dynamic group of men and women experiencing this journey together. It has been growing with new members in recent years and welcomes any inquiry to discover more about the “third order.” Do not hesitate to contact them to discover more about this opportunity for spiritual growth and formation.

# Basilica Arts Programs

As a historical and architectural center for religious worship, the Basilica provides a natural ambience for cultural and artistic programs open to the general public. Many events featuring world talent and nationally recognized artists, have honored our basilica with their presence. Special events are published in the Parish Bulletin and at TheBasilica.org.

# St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation

Chartered in 1991, the St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation serves one purpose: to preserve, restore and enhance the Basilica. Since its establishment, the St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation and its Board of Directors has made significant strides in its effort to care for the Basilica, implementing repairs and refurbishments, and putting the Basilica back into the international spotlight, where it justly belongs. The Foundation is a chartered non-profit, non-sectarian organization led by an independent Board of Directors. For further information:

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620 W Lincoln Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53215-3220
Telephone: (414) 902-3524
Email: info@thebasilicafoundation.org
Web: www.thebasilicafoundation.org

# Planned Giving and Bequests

The Basilica depends upon the kindness and generosity of people who share a vision for ministry within the Church. If you are considering a contribution as a part of your charitable giving, or in your will, we offer these suggestions:

**Basilica Memorial Fund** - Composed of contributions made specifically for the Basilica church. Monies contained in this fund are used exclusively for the upkeep of the altars, sanctuary furnishings, and sacred vestry.

**Basilica Parish Endowment** - Benefits the parish buildings and their upkeep for future generations. This includes the Parish Offices, Parish Center, etc. as well as the Basilica itself. There are certain expenses that the Basilica Foundation does not cover regarding the Basilica that the parish must be prepared to shoulder, especially in the case of an emergency.

**Education Endowment Fund** - Specifically guarantees the future of Catholic education at our parish school. Interest accrued from the principle of this irrevocable trust fund is used exclusively to offer financial support for the academic programs of the parish school.

**Franciscan Development Fund** - Contributions to this fund specifically benefit the spiritual, corporal, and educational works of the Conventual Franciscans of Saint Bonaventure Province (Midwest, USA).

# History of The Basilica Parish

**1888** St. Josaphat Parish is founded on the South Side of Milwaukee.

**1896** Father Wilhelm Grutza, Pastor, commissions architect Erhard Brielmaier to design plans for a new church resembling St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Father Grutza purchases U.S. Post Office and Customs House in Chicago. Materials shipped by 500 flatcars to Milwaukee.

**1901** Formal dedication of St. Josaphat Church.

**1910** Conventual Franciscan Friars assume ownership and pastoral care of the parish at the request of Archbishop Messmer.

**1928** Artists Conrad Schmitt and Gonippo Raggi complete the interior.

**1929** Pope Pius XI declares St. Josaphat Church the third basilica in the United States.

**1991** The St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation is formed and undertakes a capital campaign for the restoration and renovation of this historic landmark.

**1997** The 100th anniversary of the laying of the Basilica's cornerstone was observed in a completely restored and renovated structure.

**2000** Basilica of St. Josaphat celebrates the Holy Year of the Great Jubilee with the opening of the Pope John Paul II Pavilion (Basilica Visitors' Center).

**2012** Installation of air conditioning in the Basilica and renovation of the Undercroft including the lower church and social space.

# Biography of St. Josaphat

(1580-1623)

Feast Day: November 12

Born in 1580, John Kuntsevych was trained as a merchant's apprentice. He felt drawn to the spiritual depth of traditional Byzantine monasticism. At the age of 24, he entered the Basilian Monastery of the Holy Trinity at Vilnius, taking the name of Josaphat.

Josaphat took on the ambitious task of striving to re-incorporate the Eastern Orthodox tradition with the Catholic Church. As a priest, then an archbishop, and ultimately a martyr, he would live and die for this union.

While rejecting the anti-Western sentiments of many of his countrymen, Josaphat resisted any attempt to compromise the Eastern tradition. He recognized the urgent pastoral needs of the people and produced catechisms and works of apologetics, while implementing long overdue reforms of the clergy and attending to the needs of the poor. Josaphat's exemplary life and zeal for the care of souls won the trust of many who saw the value of the Churches' union reflected in his life and works.

As tensions between supporters and opponents escalated, Josaphat lamented the onset of attacks that would lead to his death. “You people of Vitebsk want to put me to death,” he protested. “You make ambushes for me everywhere, in the streets, on the bridges, on the highways, and in the marketplace. I am here among you as a shepherd, and you ought to know that I would be happy to give my life for you.”

On November 12, 1623, a mob attacked Josaphat while shouting “Kill the papist.” He was hit with a stick, then an axe, and finally shot through the head. His bloody body was dragged to the river and thrown in, along with the body of a dog that had tried to protect him.

Many miracles were attributed to him after his martyrdom, perhaps the most amazing was the conversion of his attackers. Josaphat was canonized on June 29, 1867, the first saint of the Eastern Church canonized by Rome. In 1923, Pope Pius XI declared him the patron of Catholic-Orthodox union. During the Second Vatican Council, St. Josaphat’s remains were laid to rest at the altar of St. Basil in St. Peter’s Basilica.

# Ministry and Organization Directory

**Christian Women**
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**Elizabeth Ministry**
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**English as a Second Language (ESL)**
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