



HOUSEHOLD PROGRAM

IDEALS AND PRACTICES

Saint Paul's Outreach Mission

To build transformation communities that form missionary disciples for life.

Saint Paul's Outreach Charism Values

God called us to be a transformational people who live deep relationship with Him and with one another.

- Community on Mission
- Renewal in the Holy Spirit
- Brotherhood & Sisterhood
- Wholehearted Worship
- Relational Evangelization
- Formation to Christian Maturity

Household Program Ideals and Practice

Life Together

1. **We want to establish committed relationships with all Household members.** We want to spend time together, serve one another with our time and talents, pray for and with each other, and resolve conflict quickly and appropriately.
2. **We want to have meals together regularly.** We will each participate in the meal preparation and/or cleaning after the meal through a regular rotation.
3. **We want to participate faithfully in the life of the broader SPO community.** This may include attending the SPO Formation Program courses and prayer meetings, meeting with a men's or women's small group, going on retreats together or other SPO activities.
4. **We want to handle our relationships with the opposite sex in a good, healthy way.** We are committed to handling our relationships as men and women with wisdom and integrity. This includes engaging in romantic relationships according to SPO's pastoral approach. As one expression of this, our Households will have a curfew for visitors of the opposite sex.

5. **We want to honor the Lord's Day together in our Households.** One expression of this is celebrating the Lord's Day in our Households according to the SPO tradition. This will include dinner and some time for fellowship. We will each participate in the meal preparation, Lord's Day preparation, and/or cleaning after the meal through a regular rotation. Frequency of Household or SPO Lord's Day Celebrations will vary.

Stewardship

1. **We want to keep our Households in good order.** We are each responsible for assigned chores. We will not modify the Household, either inside or outside, by painting, building, sawing, digging, hanging, nailing, or similar, without prior written permission from the Regional Administrator.
2. **We want to contribute to Household expenses.** We will contribute to the cost of Household operating expenses and do this in a timely manner according to our agreements.

Prayer and Formation

1. We want to participate actively and faithfully in Household Prayer and make daily personal prayer a priority. Household Prayer includes the Liturgy of the Hours, praise and worship, and personal prayer.
2. We want to live a life of accountability. We will keep the commitments we have chosen to make and act in such a manner as to be above reproach. We will live our life in the light and be open to have others speak into our life. We want to honor and respect the service of our Household Leaders. Household Leaders are commissioned to serve the unity of each Household.

Serving and Being on Mission Together

1. **We want to grow in selfless love.** We do this by responding to the many opportunities to serve each other each day, even when it is inconvenient.
2. **We want to be disciples on mission together.** We do this by opening our lives and our Households to be places where others can come in contact with Christ and the life of the Church. We also do this by personally reaching out to others with the love of Christ in our places of study and work.

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