



## Clergy & Cor Role and Success Guide

The priest is not just a supporter of *Cor*, he is its spiritual cornerstone. As spiritual fathers and shepherds, priests bring sacramental grace, theological depth, and ecclesial unity to this brotherhood. *Cor* is not a program to manage, but a movement of men rooted in the life of the parish and guided by the heart of the pastor.

### Clergy's Role in Cor

- **Spiritual Father:** Supports the spiritual formation of men through their presence, prayer, and sacramental ministry.
- **Pastoral Guide:** Encourages a *Cor* cadence that aligns with parish life and needs.
  - Liturgical calendar – *Cor* can be adapted and fit naturally into the liturgical and parish calendar.
  - Plan to focus more on either prayer, formation, or fraternity depending on the pastor's guidance and the liturgical season.
- **Chaplains & Pastors:** When possible, help shape the council's vision and tone for fraternity and faith formation.

### Success Guide for Clergy

- **Bless It:** Offer a blessing over the *Cor* initiative at its launch or relaunch.
  - If the pastor considers something worthwhile, the parishioners will take it seriously.
- **Open the Doors:** Give permission to use parish space and encourage parishioners to attend.
  - An invitation from clergy coupled with the date, time, and place of the next *Cor* gathering can go a long way to build confidence in those that are considering attending.
- **Be Present:** When able, attend *Cor* – your presence affirms the mission.
- **Participate:** Pastors have asked how they can help with *Cor*.
  - Offer a short reflection – Although you won't be able to attend *Cor* each time, a short reflection or intention prepared beforehand can be used during *Cor*.
  - Leading prayer – Traditionally the prayer aspect of *Cor* is led by present clergy.
  - Hear confessions during *Cor* – The sacrament of reconciliation can be supported with a talk about its importance.
  - **Talk about Content – Is there particular formation the men of your parish really need? If God has put something specific on your heart, communicate it to your council EFF Director so he can address it as he plans Cor for the year.**
- **Share Needs:** Let *Cor* leaders know how they can spiritually or practically support the parish.
- **Entrust the Men:** Delegate with confidence.
  - *Cor* is lay-led and priest-supported.

*Cor* thrives when priests are visible, valued, and respected. We don't ask priests to run yet another ministry – we ask them to help unfold it in the life of the parish. A priest's presence, heartfelt encouragement, and sacramental support will help men go deeper in their faith and strengthen the Church from the inside out.