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The Confraternity of Saint Nicholas is a public association of the faithful who, through prayer, fasting, and good works, are dedicated to the protection of all children from scandalization, abuse, and trafficking. The members of the Confraternity, by fulfilling its obligations, gain many spiritual benefits. Members enjoy the intercession of St. Nicholas, great wonder worker, Bishop, and patron of children. We pray that, as St. Nicholas defended the Divinity of Christ, he too by our prayers, fasting, and good works defends all children from harm.

INSTALLATION

His Excellency Bishop Mark E. Brennan of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has the authority to establish this Confraternity.



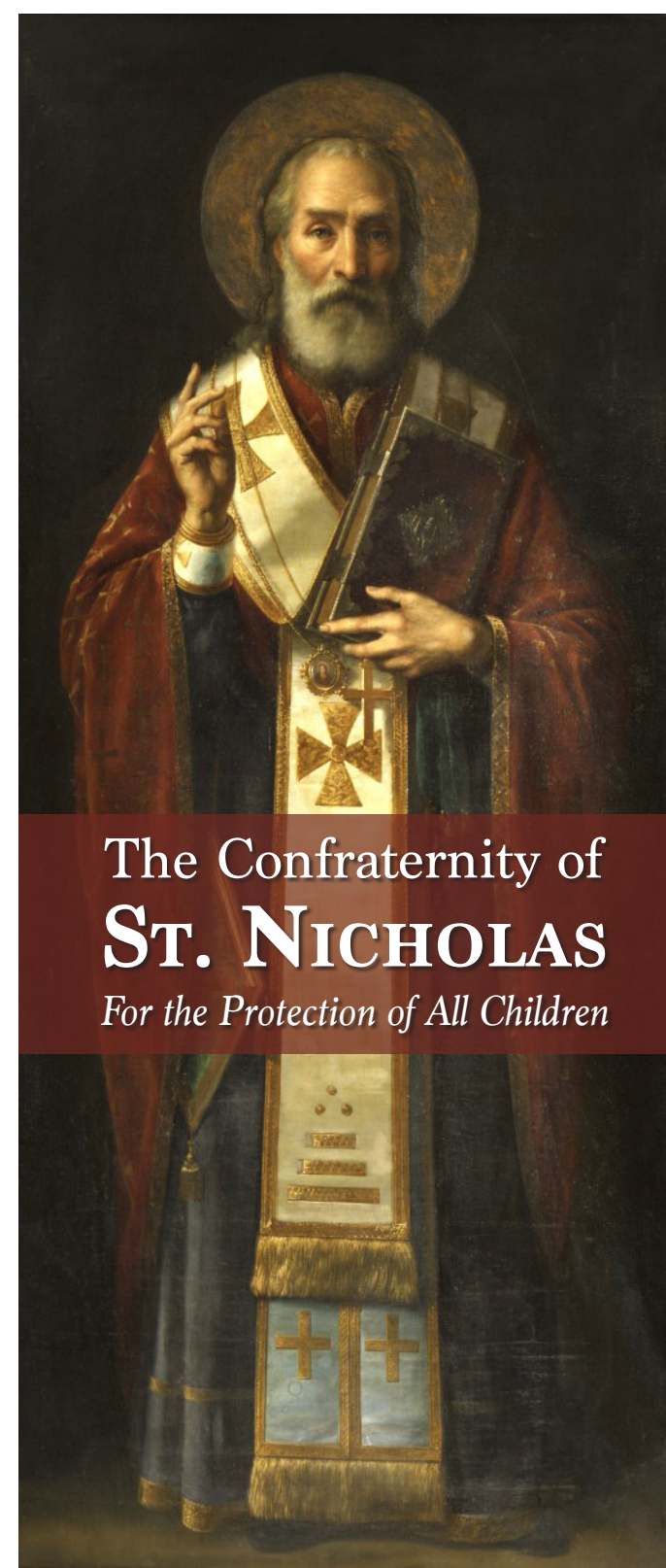
ONLINE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Online requests may be submitted through
confraternityofstnicholas.org

Written requests for admission can be sent to:
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The Confraternity of
ST. NICHOLAS
For the Protection of All Children

OBLIGATIONS OF CONFRATERNITY MEMBERS

- a) To attend Mass or Liturgy on December 6th, the Feast of St. Nicholas, and May 9th, the Memorial of the Translation of his relics.
- b) To pray the Litany or Akathist of St. Nicholas once a week for the protection of all children and to offer the daily prayer of the Confraternity.
- c) To fast from one meal every Wednesday in reparation for sins committed against children insofar as health permits. Another form of abstinence from other pleasures may be substituted.
- d) Priestly members of the Confraternity are to offer one Mass per month for the Confraternity if able.
- e) These obligations are not binding under pain of sin. Unfulfilled obligations lead only to a loss of spiritual benefits which could have been gained.

CONDITIONS AND MANNER OF ADMISSION

- a) All the faithful who remain in full communion with the Catholic Church may become members of the Confraternity.
- b) To become a member, a candidate shall either register online, in writing, or request a Promoter of the Confraternity for admission.
- c) Admission into the Confraternity shall be recorded in the Confraternity Book and in Certificates issued to members. These certificates are to include the member's first and last name, date of admission, and Diocese or Eparchy.

Litany of St. Nicholas

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,

have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us.

St. Joseph, Pray for us. *(after each line)*

Nicholas, Holy Bishop of Myra,

Nicholas, Holy Saint in Bari,

Nicholas, Patron of children and seafarers,

Nicholas, Gift-giver and Wonder-Worker,

Nicholas, Friend of the poor and needy,

Nicholas, Icon of gentleness and generosity,

Nicholas, Model of meekness and charity,

Nicholas, Defender of the Christian Faith,

Nicholas, Myrrh of the fragrance of Christ,

Nicholas, Help of those who suffer wrong,

Nicholas, Faithful steward of the mysteries of God,

Nicholas, Guide of the penitent sinner,

Nicholas, Source of joy and thanksgiving,

Nicholas, Saint who points us to the Manger,

Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Let us pray:*

May we, aided by the prayers of St Nicholas, be strengthened on our earthly pilgrimage to pray, fast, and advocate

for the protection of all children from scandal, abuse, and trafficking.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

**This prayer also functions as the Daily Prayer of the Confraternity*