



## THE SPIRITUAL FAMILY OF ST. JOHN OF GOD

The Spiritual Family of St. John of God was founded in 1995 and is simply a union of prayer that gathers together persons whose admiration of St. John of God includes a sensitivity to how much he was drawn to men, women and children whose lives were marked, either temporarily or permanently, by suffering. He always wanted to do two things for them – alleviate their suffering **and** help them discover that the presence of God in their lives could become closer and clearer in that suffering – and need not be contradicted or negated by it. He, no more than us, could explain that mysterious effect to them but he could, and did, help them to become more conscious of it.

So, the members of the Spiritual Family of St. John of God, by their prayer, try to continue John of God's intercession for those who suffer throughout the world from any unmet basic human need, arising from poverty or sickness or disability or emargination. John of God did not discriminate between either persons or types of suffering.

The Family does not have any fees, any meetings or, even, any prescribed prayers. Members are simply asked, in whatever form their prayer takes, to include those whose lives are afflicted by any kind of suffering. As an aid to prayer, we do propose a prayer that many Family members say each day. We also propose prayer intentions for each month and day, but members are at perfect liberty to use those or not as they wish. Our main purpose is to get members to include our suffering brothers and sisters in **THEIR** prayer – not to get them to say ours!



We have a publication called "OREMUS" - if you request to join the Spiritual family, we will put you on the distribution list for quarterly electronic copies.