

The Shrine of Saint Joseph  
Stirling, NJ

Sunday, December 31, 2006 was Holy Family Sunday.  
Father Campion almost fully recovered from surgery, gave the homily.



Those of you who know Father, know that he loves music and poetry and as he told us, this homily was special.

He recounted his recollections from his youth of writing JMJ (Jesus-Mary-Joseph) on his school papers and he remembered Bishop Sheen who wrote the same three letters on the black board at the beginning of his TV show each week, many years ago. As Father thought about the Holy Family he composed this poem and set it to music.

## *Jesus - Mary - Joseph*

By Faith we know what eyes don't show

*Jesus - Mary - Joseph* **near** me.

Your help I need; with words I plead

*Jesus - Mary - Joseph* **hear** me.

Where e'er I walk, there'll be a fork

*Jesus - Mary - Joseph* **steer** me.

I sense a hill "You can; you will"

*Jesus - Mary - Joseph* **cheer** me.

To God, whose law fills me with awe,

*Jesus - Mary - Joseph* **endear** me.

O God, your might can cause me fright

*"Would My Holy Family fear Me."*

**All this is said by the pray-er or singer except**

*The quotes by Jesus, Mary and Joseph - "You can, You will"*  
*by God - "Would My Holy Family fear Me."*

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