

## **STELLA MARIS CHURCH MINISTRIES**

### **The Men's Fellowship Ministry**

Prior to the year 2000, it was observed that there was a general drift away from the Church and spiritual development especially within the male population of the community. Herbie Gauntlett was convinced that the men of the community needed a male only group that could reverse this trend. He also firmly believed that spiritually focused, active men were essential to the growth of the Catholic community in Jamaica. He felt that it was necessary to get the men of the parish around the table ... the breakfast table!

Our monthly meeting encompasses Mass, breakfast and a guest speaker sharing on a topic of interest to men. We took the added responsibility for staging the Annual Family Fun Day and Christmas Tree Lighting celebration, which has been a social and financial success. It is now a staple on the Parish's calendar, with the planning and execution conducted by our brothers. Other activities include an annual Day of Recollection and a Couples Breakfast.

We are also renewing our efforts to increase our membership and encourage all the men of the parish to become members of our group.