


With the Apostolic Letter “*Patris Corde*” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St Joseph,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde* Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
8.12.2020 to 8.12.2021

A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted
His only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace,
Mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.

From Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter
"Patris Corde"