

Dear Devotees of St. Joseph, Friends, Benefactors and Supporters of the Rosary Hour, Praised be Jesus Christ!

"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", writes Pope Francis about St. Joseph in a new Apostolic Letter entitled "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), published on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate this anniversary, **Pope 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.

The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.

As you know, the proper mission of the saints is not only to obtain miracles and graces, but to intercede for us before God,

Let us ask St. Joseph for the graces we need and offer our prayer to him:

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.



The **Feast of Saint Joseph** is approaching (March 19), and with it our **NOVENA**. Join it today and confide your problems to St. Joseph – the great as well as the small. Saint Joseph is a great Patron because he was very close to our Savior. He can certainly intercede to God for us, and for our intentions.

On the enclosed form, please note your individual intentions. <u>During the novena prayer</u> (March 10-18) and the feast of St. Joseph (March 19), in common prayer through the intercession of St. Joseph and celebrated Masses, Franciscans spiritually united with entire *Rosary Hour Family* and *the Companions of St. Anthony* will ask for all the graces you and all of us need.

On this occasion, we also urge you to generously support *the Fr Justin Rosary Hour* and the Franciscans who spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Like St. Joseph was a breadwinner and protector of the Holy Family, so you are protector of the *Rosary Hour*. YOUR GIFT WILL BE AN IMMENSE HELP IN EVANGELIZATION. It will also be, with no doubt, precious alms in the eyes of God – "an inexhaustible treasure in heaven" (cf. Lk 12, 33).

May St. Joseph, together with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the God, intercede for you in Christ Jesus, that your lives may attain salvation.

With prayer and gratitude,

Br. Daniel, OFM Conv.

Br Daniel Geary with the Fr Justin Rosary Hour community

and the Companions of St. Anthony

PS - As a "thank you" for taking part in this Novena, you will receive a powerful **Novena to St. Joseph**.