

Pope Francis proclaims “Year of St Joseph”

In his Apostolic Letter entitled "With a Father's Heart", Pope Francis established the Year of St Joseph, to run from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8th December 2020, to the the same feast in 2021.

This comes 150 years after Blessed Pius 1X proclaimed St Joseph Patron of the Catholic Church. Pope Francis has stated his intention behind this Year of St Joseph is to "increase our love for St Joseph, to encourage us to implore his intercession , and to imitate his virtues and his zeal". In his Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis describes St Joseph as " a beloved father, a tender & loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a creatively courageous father, a working father, and a father in the shadows".

Plenary indulgences are obtainable during this special year.