



### **WHY CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH?**

It is said that, “**Now is the time of St. Joseph?**” What could that statement mean? Now more than ever, we need the spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph to protect marriage and the family. St. Joseph was the first missionary. St. John Paul the Great asked to invoke the patronage of St. Joseph, the first missionary, in the renewal of the commitment of the Church to evangelize the world and re-evangelize nations that were formerly strong in the faith. Need to gain back lost spiritual ground. What is consecration to St. Joseph? We will use excerpts from the book, ***Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father***, by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC. In Calloway’s words, “...to be consecrated to St. Joseph means that you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, you entrust yourself to his paternal care so that he can lovingly help you acquire his virtues and become holy. Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God.” 2020 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary that St. Joseph was declared, “Patron of the Universal Church.”

**33 Day Commitment:** Daily recitation of the **Rosary** (or at least one decade) followed by meditating **daily** on the **Litany to St. Joseph**. This can be done in your own home or in the Church.

**Start:** Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm, Church

\*We will try to offer the Rosary daily Monday – Friday at 7:00 pm, and Sundays at 6:00 pm in the Church

**Conclude:** Sunday, Feast of All Saints, November 1<sup>st</sup> with **Consecration to St. Joseph**

### **LITANY TO SAINT JOSEPH**

*Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us. God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us. God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us. Holy Mary, pray for us. Saint Joseph, pray for us Noble Offspring of David, Light of Patriarchs, Spouse of the Mother of God, Chaste guardian of the Virgin, Foster-father of the Son of God, Watchful defender of Christ, Head of the Holy Family, Joseph most just, Joseph most chaste, Joseph most prudent, Joseph most Courageous, Joseph most obedient, Joseph most faithful, Mirror of patience, Lover of poverty, Model of workmen, Example to parents, Guardian of virgins, Pillar of families, Solace of the afflicted, Hope of the sick, Patron of the dying, Terror of demons, Protector of the Church, pray for us. Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord. Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord. Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. V. He made him lord over his house, R. And the ruler of all his possessions. Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, by your ineffable providence you chose saint Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother: grant, we beseech you, that we may have him for an intercessor in heaven, as we venerate him as our protector on earth. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.*