

## CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

Just as Jesus and Mary entrusted themselves entirely to the care and protection of St. Joseph as the head of the Holy Family, so too can we follow their example. “Jesus, living under the roof of St. Joseph and being his Son, gave us a personal example of total entrustment to St. Joseph” (Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC).

You may be familiar with consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary, in particular the method popularized by St. Louis De Montfort which consists of 33 days of spiritual preparation. In recognition of the emphasis the Church has placed on St. Joseph in recent centuries, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, has introduced a similar [Consecration to St. Joseph](#) complete with 33 days of readings and prayers leading up to a prayer of consecration recited on a feast day connected to St. Joseph.

Our plan to engage in the consecration as a council is to begin the 33 days of the consecration on February 20<sup>th</sup>. For the next 32 days, each member can simply recite a prayer to St. Joseph (for example, the Litany of St. Joseph shown below). On the final day, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will meet for our regular monthly social meeting. At the start of the meeting, our council chaplain Father Paul will lead us in reciting the Prayer of the Consecration to St. Joseph (printed below).

### LITANY OF ST. 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 Ghost, *have mercy on us.***

**Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.***

**Holy Mary, *pray for us.***

**St. Joseph, *pray for us.***

**Illustrious son of David, *pray for us.***

**Light of patriarchs, *pray for us.***

**Spouse of the Mother of God, *pray for us.***

**Chaste guardian of the Virgin, *pray for us.***

**Foster father of the Son of God, *pray for us.***

**Watchful defender of Christ, *pray for us.***

**Head of the Holy Family, *pray for us.***

**Joseph most just, *pray for us.***

**Joseph most chaste, *pray for us.***

**Joseph most prudent, *pray for us.***

**Joseph most valiant, *pray for us.***

**Joseph most obedient, *pray for us.***

**Joseph most faithful, *pray for us.***

**Mirror of patience, *pray for us.***

Lover of poverty, *pray for us.*  
Model of workmen, *pray for us.*  
Glory of home life, *pray for us.*  
Guardian of virgins, *pray for us.*  
Pillar of families, *pray for us.*  
Solace of the afflicted, *pray for us.*  
Hope of the sick, *pray for us.*  
Patron of the dying, *pray for us.*  
Terror of demons, *pray for us.*  
Protector of Holy Church, *pray for us.*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
*Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
*Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy on us!*

V. He made him the lord of His household,  
R. *And prince over all His possessions.*

#### ***Let Us Pray***

O God, Who in Thine ineffable Providence didst vouchsafe to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, grant, we beseech Thee, that he whom we venerate as our protector on earth may be our intercessor in Heaven. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

#### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH**

*O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church! O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God! O Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate! In the presence of Jesus and Mary, I choose you this day to be my father, my guardian, and my protector.*

*O great St. Joseph, whom God has made the Head of the Holy Family, accept me, I beseech you, though utterly unworthy, to be a member of your "Holy House." Present me to your Immaculate Spouse; ask her also to adopt me as her child. With her, pray that I may constantly think of Jesus, and serve him faithfully to the end of my life. O Terror of Demons, increase in me virtue, protect me from the evil one, and help me not to offend God in any way.*

*O my Spiritual Father, I hereby consecrate myself to you. In faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary, I place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. To you, after Jesus and Mary, I consecrate my body and soul, with all their faculties, my spiritual growth, my home, and all my affairs and undertakings.*

*Forsake me not, but adopt me as a servant and child of the Holy Family. Watch over me at all times, but especially at the hour of my death. Console and strengthen me with the presence of Jesus and Mary so that, with you, I may praise and adore the Holy Trinity for all eternity. Amen.*

