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(Année Saint Joseph)

Activity / Event	<p style="text-align: center;">CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PROJECT FROM THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Let yourself be imbued by the heroic virtues of a just man for the transformation of the world</i></p>
Date	July 1st, 2021 – or the weekend
Project	Consecration of our families and communities to Saint Joseph
From recalling to action - CCCB	<p>With the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron Saint of the Universal Church, the entire People of God is invited to undertake the interior path of the carpenter of Nazareth, so as to “increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal¹.”</p> <p>¹ Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter, <i>Patris Corde</i>, on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of saint Joseph as patron of the Universal Church.</p>
Why a consecration ? - CCCB	<p>We know this from having experienced it: we draw closer to God by praying to him and by being of service to our neighbour. The act of consecration inspires prayer and specifies those gestures that build up Christ’s Kingdom.</p> <p>Why not let Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Guardian of the Redeemer, Patron of the Church, of workers and of a good death assist us in drawing closer to the Lord and deepen our Christian commitment? We can thus give ourselves to Jesus more wholly and deeply through Mary and Joseph.</p>
A consecration to Saint Joseph - CCCB	By entrusting ourselves completely to the fatherly care and powerful intercession of the Church’s patron saint, we are beseeching his help in living out those same virtues that he lived and so grow in the likeness of Christ evermore. We consecrate our lives and all those dear to us to him as to a spiritual father who shows us the Fatherhood of God Himself and we place ourselves in his loving care so as to better witness our faith and live lives pleasing to God and in service to our sisters and brothers.
Prière de consécration - CECC	<p>O LOVING AND HUMBLE SAINT JOSEPH, Protector of the Holy Family and Patron of the Universal Church and of our Country, Canada, we honour you as the model of Christian virtues and consecrate ourselves to you as our inspiration and guide in living a truly Christian life modeled after you, whom the Scriptures calls the Just man. Draw us closer to Jesus, our Redeemer, whose guardian you were on earth, that following your example of selflessness and righteousness, we may dedicate our lives to His service in our own vocation in life. May all our actions be for the praise and glory of God, the advancement of Christ’s Kingdom on earth and the good of all people. As you heroically and generously accepted the divine call and privilege of embracing your beloved spouse Mary and Jesus in your loving arms, so be present to us and show forth your tenderness, as we raise our eyes to you who shine forth before our community as a merciful and compassionate companion, and one who knows the burdens weighing heavily on our hearts. Come quickly to the aid of our Church and Country, O Good Saint Joseph, and deliver us from the many dangers that surround us in our hour of need; watch over the elderly, the weak and the infirm, protect our children and families,</p>

	<p>whether at home or away. Sustain those who give of themselves selflessly in pastoral and health care to those in need so that with your powerful intercession we will all find safety and solace in the Lord and come at last to the glory of our eternal home. Amen.</p>
Celebration – CCCB	<p>https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Consecration-to-Saint-Joseph-CCCB.pdf</p>
Ressources – CCCB	<p>https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/celebrating-the-year-of-saint-joseph/consecration-to-saint-joseph/</p>
Novena and an Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph - CCCB	<p>In keeping with the celebration of the “Year of Saint Joseph”, the CCCB National Liturgy Office and the Office national de liturgie have composed a Novena and an Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph. The Novena begins on June 22 and ends on June 30, and is followed by the Act of Entrustment on Thursday, 1 July 2021 (Canada Day). The Novena and Act of Entrustment are available for wide use and distribution in dioceses/eparchies, parishes, religious communities, families (domestic churches) and schools.</p> <p>https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/St.-Joseph-Novena-EN.pdf</p>
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