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## DIOCESE OF GRAND FALLS

### YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Dear Friends,

Today, March 19, 2021, we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is also the day that we, in the Diocese of Grand Falls, have chosen to inaugurate the Year of St. Joseph.

Pope Francis reminds us: "Saint Joseph is an extraordinary figure, yet at the same time one "so close to our own human experience". He did not do astonishing things, he had no unique charisms, nor did he appear special in the eyes of those who met him. He was not famous or even noteworthy; the Gospels do not report even a single word of his. Still, through his ordinary life, he accomplished something extraordinary in the eyes of God." (*St. Joseph, The Dream of Vocation*: Pope Francis, March 19, 2021)



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has assembled a wide variety of resources to assist Parishes, families, Pastors and Catechists to discover why God chose St. Joseph to be husband of Mary and Head of the Holy Family, and to better understand how he lived out his vocation. These resources can be found by following this link to the CCCB Website:

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/celebrating-the-year-of-saint-joseph/>

With the prayers of St. Joseph to guide us, may our celebration of the Year of St. Joseph lead us to a deeper appreciation of the loving heart of God our Father, who called St. Joseph to a life-giving vocation.

In Christ



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