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Let's Celebrate St. Joseph's Year of Jubilee

1. Pierre Chartier of St. Francis of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity, Ottawa, suggests purchasing and reading Consecration to St Joseph... <https://www.consecrationtostjoseph.org/>
2. Esther Lancaster from St. Bonaventure Fraternity in Halifax suggests printing/purchasing and distributing [St. Joseph prayer cards](#)
3. Friar Ed Debono ofm, conv, Kingston suggests a pilgrimage to [St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal](#). I am fully in support of this one. I will invite all fraternities to attend. Let's go en masse... once Covid restrictions allow us.
4. Carol David, Vice-Minister for Quebec-Ontario suggested a Novena to [St. Joseph](#) starting March 9, 2021. This can be done individually or by a Fraternity using Zoom, Google Meet, or similar video programs.
5. Friar Ed Debono ofm, conv, Kingston Encourage Secular Franciscans to write their experiences of the intercession of St. Joseph in their lives and the lives of their families...[for publication in Catholic periodicals and Diocesan newspapers](#).
6. And...That the [Friars in Quebec](#) write about knowledge of the historical aspects of St. Joseph being made Patron of New France and Canada.
7. Esther Lancaster from St. Bonaventure Fraternity, Halifax: if you like listening to podcasts or online videos, consider seeking and sending links to members of your local fraternity once a week that pertain to St. Joseph and this Jubilee Year. Here is one to start you off... [Relevant Radio](#).

8. Michel David, Regional Minister suggests browsing this link for ideas and devotions <https://yearofstjoseph.org/>.
9. Aurora Osdon of St. Anthony Fraternity, Montreal, suggests an online Lenten Retreat similar to what the Quebec-Ontario Area did for Christmas. Br. Benny, ofm cap is willing to work on this but he needs. Is St Joseph calling you? Please contact **Aurora** or **Br. Benny**.
10. Sister Annette John, FMM, Ottawa, suggests that individuals and fraternities Consider reading and studying the [Apostolic Letter “Patris corde”](#) (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.
11. Pope Francis, Rome, suggests ...If your printing St. Joseph Prayer cards consider this prayer on the back that comes from “Patris corde”

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you, Mary placed her trust
With you, Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
And defend us from every evil. Amen.**

... and Michel suggests adding the name and contact of your local Fraternity.

12. Ermina De La Cruz of Our Lady of the Philippines Fraternity in Montreal:

- a) We will follow our virtual Monday recitation of the Franciscan crown rosary with one of our members reciting their own prayer to St. Joseph. Then we will recite the Litany of St. Joseph all together.
 - b) We will have a mass in St. Joseph's honor on his feast day and we will continue sponsoring a mass every 3rd Sunday of the month in 2021 for Him.
 - c) We are also having a bookmark made with his image and a prayer.
13. Friar Ed Debono ofm, conv, Kingston, suggests the following intercession:
- That all Fraternities, all Franciscan Sisters' communities and all three branches of Franciscan Friars and all the people we serve pray to St. Joseph and Brother André that the pandemic come to an end. St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Canada, pray for us. We ask you to intercede for the people of our beloved Country that the coronavirus be eliminated from our midst. Safeguard us and keep all Canadian families in good health.
14. Quebec-Ontario & Atlantic Provinces: Two 1 hr. online Lent Retreats with a focus on St. Joseph's part in Lent, are being organized by Regional Spiritual Assistant Br. Benny and Aurora Osdon, ofs. *Pls. keep the mornings of February 20 and March 20 free on your calendars.* The Retreats will be held online through Zoom for one hour. Each session will have 3 speakers. More information and a registration process will be sent to you shortly.
15. Everywhere: How to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph How to Celebrate – Year of St. Joseph
16. Esther Lancaster from St. Bonaventure Fraternity in Halifax: Each Thursday, sometimes Friday, I send out a weekly reflection on the upcoming Sunday gospel. Until mid-January, the first paragraph was headed "A Word from St. Francis", however I have made a slight change, and it's now "A Word from St. Joseph". This is just a bit of info and sometimes a prayer to him. Then I go into the reflection on the

gospel. This goes to fraternity members and others (about 50 recipients – couple of Anglicans as well) Its Lectio on Line.

- 17. Grace Aboshuogwe of Immaculate Conception Fraternity in Montreal suggest we pray this Prayer to St. Joseph:
Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.**
- 18. Sister Annette John, FMM, Ottawa: Pray to St. Joseph for the recovery of 8 OFM friars and 2 FMM sisters who have COVID in the Montreal Region. This is in addition to the 7 OFM Cap friars who died of COVID in 2020.**
- 19. Mary McKenna of St Francis & St. Clare Fraternity in Pointe-Claire, Montreal has organized with the parish to have a mass for the feast of St Joseph. It will take place on the feast day Friday March 19, 2021, at 9:00 am eastern time on behalf of our Fraternity. This Mass will be live through our St. John Fisher Parish website (<https://sjfp.org/>). If someone is unable to observe at that time, they can still see it any time that day, again through the parish website. Our fraternity will be attending that Mass as a group. We hope that this is a great way for our regional fraternities to join together.**
- 20. Fr. Benny Punnassery Vincent, ofm cap of Montreal, suggests ordering the booklet Magnificat – Nine days with St. Joseph bookstore@magnificat.com or Visit www.magnificat.com.**
- 21. George Guimond of Blessed Frederic Fraternity of Moncton, suggests we pray to St. Joseph for a new Website Administrator for our Franciscan Focus website. It would be a shame to see it disappear.**

22. John Moran of the St. Francis of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity in Ottawa informs us that his fraternity purchased copies of the book Consecration to St. Joseph and are using it to in their Prayer group.
23. Fr. Georges Morin, ofm of Montreal, has recently written a TWO GREAT APOSTLES OF SAINT JOSEPH IN CANADA. This article is attached with this St. Joseph update but will also be included on our Franciscan Focus website.
24. Catch Fr. Benny's (ofm cap) Lenten reflection:
➤ With a father's heart: meditating Saint Joseph.
This Saturday March 20 by logging on to the Zoom reflection sponsored by the Regional Fraternity of Eastern Canada (ask your Local Minister how). Missed the opportunity? No worries we will put it on YouTube next week and a notice will be sent out.
25. Martina McLean of St. Patrick's Fraternity in Montreal suggests everyone explore the following links:
- ✓ Dynamic Catholic: <https://youtu.be/xHeMtZuOvqQ>
Matthew Kelly gave a talk to the people of Trinidad today, mostly fathers/men on the Feast of St. Joseph. Good part on parenting, being counter-cultural, God-given, divine parental dream to be the best version of ourselves (individually, family, marriage, parent, children), and make great choices (connect with God, content feed and draw out/educate).
 - ✓ Also CCCB: Patris Corde Guided Video Reflections (7): <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/celebrating-the-year-of-saint-joseph/patris-corde-guided-video-reflections/>.
 - ✓ The CCCB has a whole page dedicated to resources for this special year (including various prayers, devotions, catechetical resources for adults and children, as well as Church documents): <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/celebrating-the-year-of-saint-joseph/>.

26. **Richard Nucci, ofs of Fraternity of St. Francis and St-Clare, Montreal : Our parish purchases the St-Joseph/St-Frère André medals from the Oratory which are only 99 cents each and are delivered already blessed (or you can pick them up in-store); we place them in the back of the Church where the parishioners, visitors etc. can pick them up for free.**

27. **Deacon Lee Winchester, ofs, of St. Francis of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity in Ottawa had 100 St. Joseph cards printed at Staples and distributed them "here, there & everywhere" They were well received.**