



## **POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS “YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH”**

**With the Apostolic Letter, “*Patris corde*”, (with a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from December 8, 2020, until December 8, 2021.**

**The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* during the COVID pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet, and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”**