

On December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis declared a Year of St Joseph.

The Declaration ended with this prayer:

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.

