

Apostolic Letter by Pope Francis “*Patris Corde*”

WITH A FATHER’S HEART



Pope Francis proclaimed the Special Year of Saint Joseph to be celebrated from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021. He presented the value and reasons of this celebration with an Apostolic Letter entitled ‘*Patris Corde*’, meaning “With the heart of a Father”. In the same letter the Pope outpoints the major virtue of St. Joseph, to be meditated and imitated by all Churches. Here below you can read a brief section of his letter.

WITH A FATHER’S HEART

That is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as “the son of Joseph”. We know that Joseph was a lowly carpenter, betrothed to Mary. He was a “just man”, ever ready to carry out God’s will as revealed to him in the Law and through four dreams. After a long and tiring journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, he beheld the birth of the Messiah in a stable, since “there was no place for them” elsewhere. He witnessed the adoration of the shepherds and the Magi, who represented respectively the people of Israel and the pagan peoples.

Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave the name revealed by the angel: “You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins”.

In the Temple, forty days after Jesus’ birth, Joseph and Mary offered their child to the Lord and listened with amazement to Simeon’s prophecy concerning Jesus and his Mother. To protect Jesus from Herod, Joseph dwelt as a foreigner in Egypt. After returning to his own country, he led a hidden life in the tiny and obscure village of Nazareth in Galilee. When, during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Joseph and Mary lost track of the twelve-year-old Jesus, they anxiously sought him out and they found him in the Temple, in discussion with the doctors of the Law.

Blessed Pius IX declared him “Patron of the Catholic Church”, Venerable Pius XII proposed him as “Patron of Workers” and Saint John Paul II as “Guardian of the Redeemer”. Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the “patron of a happy death”.

GO TO JOSEPH

Popular trust in Saint Joseph is seen in the expression “Go to Joseph”, which evokes the famine in Egypt, when the Egyptians begged Pharaoh for bread. He in turn replied: “Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do” (Gen 41). Pharaoh was referring to Joseph the son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery because of the jealousy of his brothers (Gen 37) and who – according to the biblical account – subsequently became viceroy of Egypt. As a descendant of David (Mt 1:16-20), from whose stock Jesus was to spring according to the promise made to David by the prophet Nathan (2Sam 7), and as the spouse of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments.



Special Year of Saint Joseph 2020-2021

Themes for the
Catholic Diocese of Nyahururu

SAINT JOSEPH, MOST OBEDIENT HEAD OF THE FAMILY

The Special Year of Saint Joseph was opened officially in the Diocese of Nyahururu on Saturday 27th March, with the celebration of Holy Mass presided by Bishop Joseph, marking also the 18th Anniversary of the Diocese. Later on, during the month of April, the Special Year was inaugurated also in all Deaneries. At Ng’arua, on Thursday 29th April, Bishop Joseph celebrated the Mass with representatives from all five Parishes of the Deanery.

The Special Year is now going on in every Parish and every community and group, especially through prayer and formation.

These are the monthly themes chosen for the Catholic Diocese of Nyahururu:

MONTHLY THEMES

MARCH

St. Joseph, Mirror of Obedience

APRIL

St. Joseph, Protector and Pillar of the Family

MAY

St. Joseph, Model of Workers

JUNE

St. Joseph, Model of Men

JULY

St. Joseph, Most Chaste Spouse and Model of Holiness

AUGUST

St. Joseph, Terror of Demons

SEPTEMBER

St. Joseph, Icon of Justice and Peace

OCTOBER

St. Joseph, Protector of the Church

NOVEMBER

St. Joseph, Protector of the Dying and Solace of the afflicted

DECEMBER

St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Foster of Jesus Christ our Saviour

MTAPOKEA NGUVU YA ROHO

Makatekista walipewa uteuzi wa mwaka huu katika sherehe ya tarehe 22 Mei, Vijilia ya Pentekoste, wakaombewa baraka na nguvu ya Roho Mtakatifu. Hapa mnaweza kusoma majukumu waliyokabidhiwa.

Pia, siku hiyo ya baraka, walisherehekewa Makatekista wazee walioendelea katika huduma kwa miaka mingi. Majina yao mnayasoma hapa chini pia.

CC=Chief Catechist / C=Catechist / AC=Assistant Catechist

1. KABATI - CC: David Ndungu; Assistant Catechists; AC: Peter Kirira, Monica Wangari, John Nguri, Jacinta Mumbi, Regina Amuria.
2. MITHURI - CC: Susan Wamaitha; AC: Mary Gathigia, Paskalia Mwendu, Joseph Karimi.
3. MINJORE - CC: James Kamugwi.
4. GITHIMA - CC: Basilio Ngugi; C: Peter Mwangi; AC: Samuel Njoroge, Cecilia Nyambura, Ann Muthoni.
5. GITUAMBA - CC: Simon Kihethu.
6. OL MOTUNYI - CC: Anastasia Mumbi; C: Milka Wangui.
7. NGOISUSU - CC: John Ndungu.
8. KAHUHO - CC: James Thuo.
9. MBOMBO - CC: Peterson Muthua
10. OL MORAN - CC: Francis Njenga; C: Elizabeth Kore, Jane Wanjira, Veronica Nalubo; AC: Lucy Njeri, Francis Gitau, Gabriel Kariuki.
11. NGARE NAROK - CC: Francis Wambugu; C: Evan-son Kipkemoi.
12. MIHARATI - CC: Neemia Wachira; AC: Margaret Muthoni.
13. SURVEY - CC: Evans Muturi.
14. MAGADI - CC: Regina Ekwam.
15. POSTA - CC: David Munyiri.
16. NAIBOR - CC: Fredrick Lokale.
17. DAM MBILI & Nagum - CC: John Wanyama
18. LOUNYEK - CC: Jacob Ngetich
19. NDUNYURIWO - CC: Simon Njoroge
20. NAKWAM - CC: Joshua Lomerinyan



ELDER CATECHISTS: Peter Kirira (Kabati), John Nguri (Kabati), Joseph Karimi (Mithuri), Paskalia Mwendu (Mithuri), Peter Mwangi (Githima), Peter Ndekei (Gituamba), Charles Ndiangui (Kahuho), Francis Gitau (OI Moran), Gabriel Kariuki (OI Moran), Urban Riungu (Mahiga).

Message from the Apostolic Letter by Pope Francis about the MINISTRY of CATECHISTS "Antiquum Ministerium" (Ancient Ministry), 10 May 2021

The ministry of a Catechist has a definite vocational aspect. It is in fact a stable form of service rendered to the local Church in accordance with pastoral needs identified by the local Bishop, yet one carried out as a work of the laity.

It is fitting that those called to the instituted ministry of Catechist be men and women of deep faith and human maturity, active participants in the life of the Christian community, capable of welcoming others, being generous and living a life of fraternal communion.

They should also receive suitable biblical, theological, pastoral and pedagogical formation to be competent communicators of the truth of the faith and they should have some prior experience of catechesis (...).

It is essential that they be faithful co-workers with priests and deacons, prepared to exercise their ministry wherever it may prove necessary, and motivated by true apostolic enthusiasm.

Michango ya Makanisa

PARISH BARAKA DAY 2021

Mwaka huu siku ya Baraka ya kila familia Kanisani, ama Parish Baraka Day, ilifanywa katika Makanisa Mdogo kuanzia tarehe 25 Aprili, Sherehe ya Mtakatifu Marko, na Jumapili nyingine zilizofuata.

Sadaka ya shukrani zilizotolewa na Wakristu zitatumiwa, kama tulivyotangaziwa, kwa ajili ya ukarabati wa magari ya Parokia.

Hapa mnapata ripoti ya michango ya kila Kanisa Dogo, iliyotolewa pesa au mali.

	Local Church	Date	In Cash	In Kind	Total
1	Kabati	25 Apr	23,450	8,550	32,000
2	Mithuri	13 Jun	22,690	6,695	28,385
3	Minjore	9 May	11,500	3,810	15,310
4	Githima	25 Apr	26,470	7,000	33,470
5	Gituamba	25 Apr	4,300	1,920	6,220
6	Ol Motunyi	9 May	1,600	900	2,500
7	Kahuho	9 May	11,500	1,905	13,405
8	Mbombo	9 May	3,400	3,590	6,990
9	Ol Moran	25 Apr	80,450	33,260	113,710
10	Ngare Narok	16 May	4,200	5,500	9,700
11	Miharati	16 May	12,800	1,100	13,900
12	Survey	16 May	7,100	800	7,900
13	Magadi	2 May	14,290	5,090	19,380
14	Posta	16 May	9,150	600	9,750
15	Dam Mbili	2 May	500	0	500
16	Lounyek	2 May	7,105	6,200	13,305
17	Ndunyuriwo	2 May	500	0	500
	TOTAL		241,005	86,920	327,925

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