



DECREE

On this Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the 150th anniversary of the solemn declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the universal Catholic Church by Pope Pius IX, and in union with our Holy Father Pope Francis who has proclaimed December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 to be a Year of Saint Joseph for the universal Church, the faithful of this local Church join in solidarity to invoke Saint Joseph's intercession and call on his fatherly strength and tender care, especially in these days of suffering and isolation. Recognizing Saint Joseph's powerful assistance in difficulty and his spiritual fatherhood in the Church, together with the heartfelt aspirations of the faithful, I hereby

CONSECRATE THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS TO SAINT JOSEPH

Guardian of the Word Incarnate and loving spouse of the Virgin Mary. By this solemn act of Consecration, this local Church is entrusted to Saint Joseph's patronage, care, and protection.

During this second year of our Archdiocesan Synod process, we commemorate this Year of Saint Joseph in a special way, looking to him as a model of familial unity and openness to the Holy Spirit. We call on him to aid our discernment of where the Lord is leading us as an Archdiocesan family. During this Year, in addition to the Year of Saint Joseph plenary indulgences decreed this day by the Supreme Pontiff, Pope Francis, I announce the offering of a

PARTIAL INDULGENCE

To any of the faithful physically present or domiciled in the Archdiocese whenever they offer in the course of this year the Archdiocesan Synod Prayer to Saint Joseph before any image of Saint Joseph, with at least inward contrition for sin and the general intention of receiving the Indulgence.

We undertake each of these spiritual efforts in order to unite and encourage the Archdiocesan spiritual family under the patronage of Saint Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family, so that we may more perfectly cooperate together in the work of salvation.

Saint Joseph, pillar of families, comfort of the afflicted, and protector of the holy Church, pray for us!

Given at Saint Paul, Minnesota, on this 8th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord 2020.

Susan Mulheron
Chancellor for Canonical Affairs

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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