

Message on the Observance of the Feast of Saint Joseph

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Today I send my best wishes to Catholics and other Christians celebrating the Feast of Saint Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus Christ and one of the most revered figures in the Bible.

Saint Joseph was a model father, husband, and worker, as well as a living embodiment of Christian virtue. He spent his life working tirelessly, without accolades or recognition, to protect his family and raise the Son of God. Through every trial and tribulation, Saint Joseph led his family with dignity, strength, and moral courage. In the face of uncertainty and danger, time and again, he valiantly surrendered to God's will with faith, fortitude, humility, and obedience, playing a central role in the life of Jesus Christ and the history of salvation.

Saint Joseph also holds a distinct place in American culture, especially for the Italian American community. Every March 19, Catholics in New Orleans, Louisiana, and throughout the Nation construct beautiful altars in his honor. From the factories of St. Louis, Missouri, and the deserts of Santa Fe, New Mexico, to churches, chapels, and homes all across our country, Catholics have credited him with extraordinary miracles. He is recognized as the head of the Holy Family, the patron saint of workers, and the "Terror of Demons," and he remains revered by countless citizens for his tremendous example of what it means to be a man, father, and husband.

In recent years, our Nation has witnessed the rise of an extremist cultural movement that has sought to weaken the values championed by Saint Joseph. But my administration is offering a much brighter vision for our rising generation. Instead of indoctrinating our young men with radicalism and hate, we must encourage them to embrace faith, get married, start a family, and raise the next generation of proud, freedom-loving, God-fearing American citizens. Guided by his example, we will never stop fighting for Saint Joseph's legacy in our homes, churches, culture, and public square.

On his feast day, we honor Saint Joseph's incredible life, we pay tribute to his countless silent sacrifices, and we vow to forge a radiant American future marked by the timeless values of faith in God, love of family, and devotion to human freedom.

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