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Catechesis on Saint Joseph

This book is a compilation of Pope Francis' catechetical audiences on the example and testimony of Saint Joseph from November 2021 to February 2022.

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"In the history of the Church there are some constants that accompany the community of believers: first of all, the great affection and the very strong bond that the Church has always felt towards Mary, Mother of God and our Mother. But also the special honour and affection she has bestowed on Saint Joseph. After all, God entrusts to him the most precious things he has: his Son Jesus and the Virgin Mary. It is always thanks to the communion of saints that we feel that the men and women saints who are our patrons — because of the name we bear, for example, because of the Church to which we belong, because of the place where we live, and so on, as well as through personal devotion — are close to us. And this is the trust that must always animate us in turning to them at decisive moments in our lives" (Pope Francis, Audience, 2-II-2022).

twelve audiences Pope Francis detailed various aspects of the life of the father of Jesus, as a complement to the Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*, written on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron Saint of the Catholic Church by Blessed Pius IX.

At the end of each audience the Pontiff prayed a prayer to St. Joseph, which we have collected in this e-book. "How many people in the history of the Church have found in him a patron, a guardian, a father," he said at the end of this cycle of catechesis.